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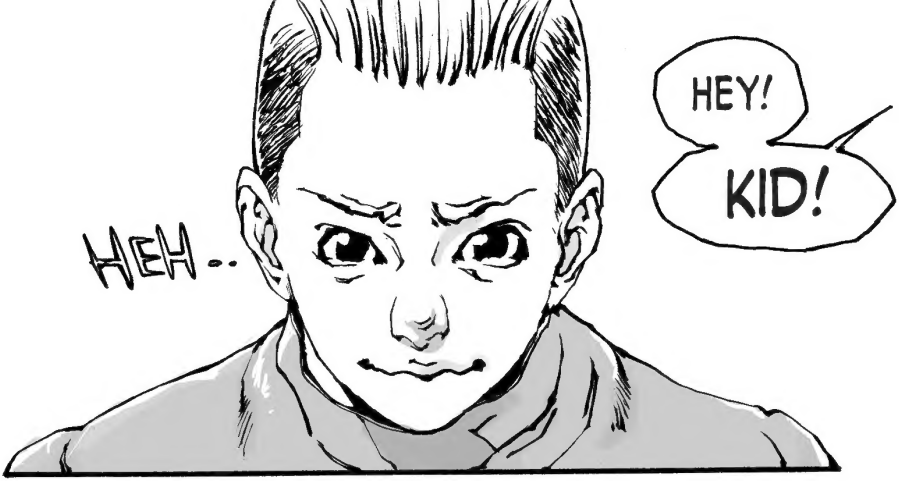
BUZZ BUZZ
VWEEEN
Kchak
Clang-clang
kchak
kchak
THERE IS BEAUTY IN SYMMETRY.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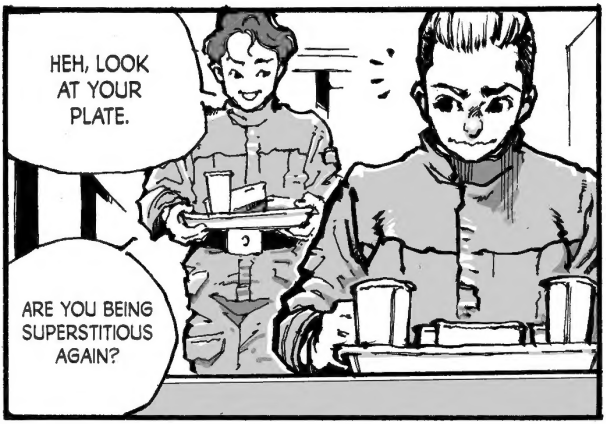
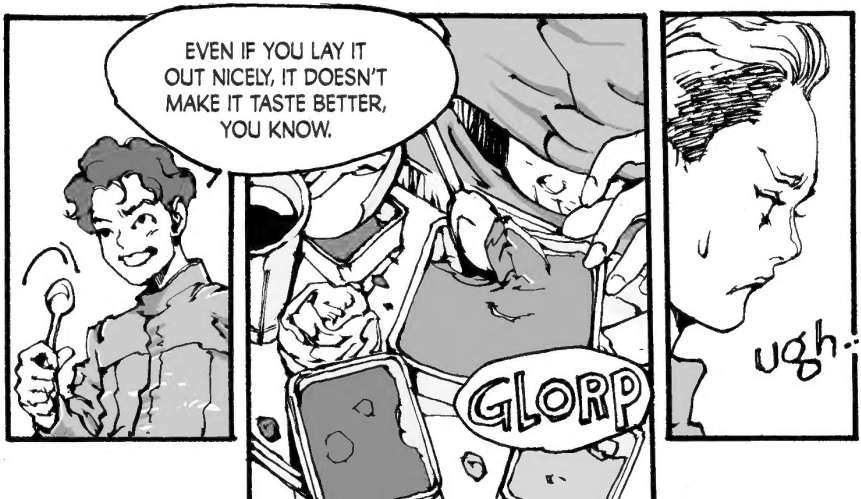
KID!
HEH..


HEH, LOOK AT YOUR PLATE.
ARE YOU BEING SUPERSTITIOUS AGAIN?

I LIKE ORDER.
HMPH.

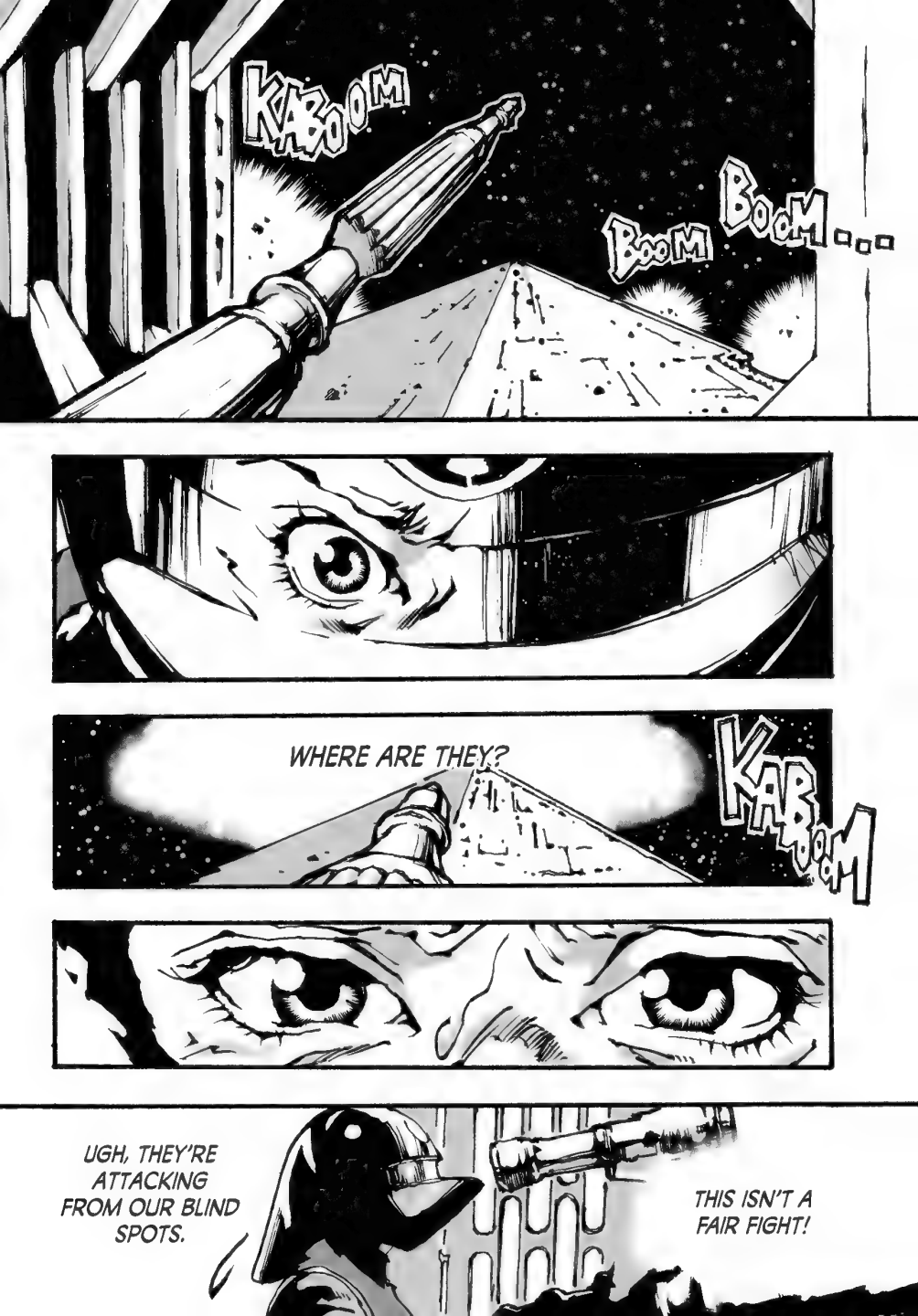

EVEN IF YOU LAY IT OUT NICELY, IT DOESN'T MAKE IT TASTE BETTER, YOU KNOW.
GLORP
ugh..

A CHILD'S SMILE...
...IS MOST BEAUTIFUL WHEN IT'S SYMMETRICAL...
...AND IN TURN, THEY ALSO DELIGHT IN SEEING A SYMMETRICAL SMILE.
AH, I SEE.
SO THAT'S THE SECRET TO YOUR PRECISION AS A GUNNER, EH?
WELL, IT'S NOT UNRELATED.
!!!
KBOOOOM

THE STARSHIP GRAVEYARD
AKIRA FUKAYA AND TAKASHI KISAKI

WHAT WAS THAT? THE REBEL FORCES?
A SURPRISE ATTACK?!
BZZT
ALL SOLDIERS TO YOUR STATIONS.
LET'S GO!
Zsh
Zsh
Zsh
Zsh
NEAT RANKS AND TIGHT FORMATIONS.
BEAUTIFUL.

I WILL PROTECT THIS BEAUTIFUL ORDER CREATED BY EMPEROR PALPATINE!!
HURRY UP! I'M READY FOR YOU.
REBELS WHO CREATE CHAOS AND PAIN!
KABOOM
...
Boom


KABOOM
BOOM
BOOM...
WHERE ARE THEY?
KABOOM
UGH, THEY'RE ATTACKING FROM OUR BLIND SPOTS.
THIS ISN'T A FAIR FIGHT!

BOOOM
!!
Aaaa

OH.
IT'S A GLITCH IN THE TRANSMISSION..
"MOST WANTED: LUKE SKYWALKER, JEDI WAR CRIMINAL, EXTREMELY DANGEROUS."
EVEN HIS NAME IS ILLOGICAL. IT MAKES MY SKIN CRAWL.
FLASH
UGH...

BOOM
BOOM
IS HE USING THE FORCE?!
BOOM
BOOM
WAIT...
IT'S JUST THE HOLOGRAM AND THE MONITOR IMAGE SYNCING.
KABOOM

SHIELDS COLLAPSING. HULL BREACH IMMINENT.
BRACE FOR IMPACT. BRACE. BRACE—
HEY, HURRY UP!
HEAD TO THE ESCAPE PODS!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.
I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING YET!
PSSSHT
KABOOM
KABOOM
WOOO
OOSH

MY GLORIOUS STAR DESTROYER IS BURNING...
HE HAS COME, THE AVENGING JEDI WHO CAN CAST STARSHIPS DOWN FROM THE HEAVENS.
BOOOM
Aaaahhhhhhhh!!

IT'S COLD...
BRRR
BRRR
AM I DREAMING?
THERE'S NO WAY SUCH A LARGE BUILDING WOULD BE HERE...
AH?
Woosh
NOOO!
STING
THUD

MY...
...STAR DESTROYER...

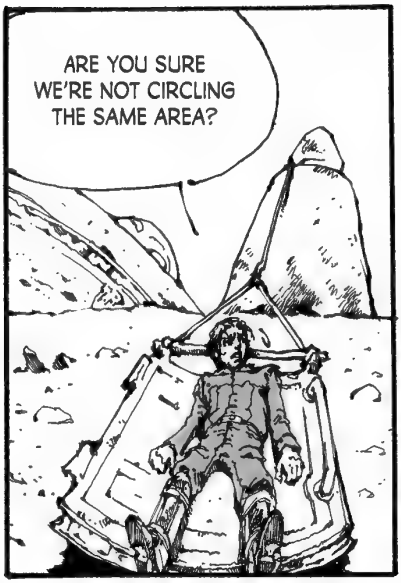
NO.
IT CAN'T BE... NNNGH.
HEY, KID, YOU SHOULDN'T MOVE.
!
I'VE APPLIED SPLINTS BECAUSE YOU BROKE BOTH LEGS.
BUT YOU'RE IN BAD SHAPE FROM THE CRASH.
WHO...
...ARE YOU?

YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE ALIVE IN THE ESCAPE POD.
I FOUND YOU.
...
HAVE WE MET BEFORE?
IMPOSSIBLE. THERE'S NO WAY...

THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME.
THERE WILL BE A REWARD IF YOU BRING ME BACK...
...TO AN IMPERIAL NAVY OUTPOST.
I HAVE NO LOVE FOR THE EMPIRE.
HEH
JUST MY LUCK, A REBEL.
HIS SMILE IS ASYMMETRICAL AND UGLY.

WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ME?
WANT WITH YOU? THINK ABOUT IT—WHAT DOES ONE LIVING BEING WANT WITH ANOTHER IN THE DESERT?
IT ISN'T HARD TO FIGURE OUT.
SHIVER...

HOW MANY DAYS HAS IT BEEN?
THE SCENERY CHANGES...
...BUT THE DESTROYER REMAINS.


ARE YOU SURE WE'RE NOT CIRCLING THE SAME AREA?

A STAR DESTROYER IS 1,600 METERS IN LENGTH.
IN THIS DRY ENVIRONMENT, YOU'LL HAVE TO TRAVEL A LOT FARTHER UNTIL YOU CAN'T SEE IT.

SHF
SHFFF
Zsh
Zsh

WHEEZE
WHEEZE

Agh
Aaaghhhh!
ARE YOU OKAY?
I HAD A NIGHTMARE....
...I WAS BEING TORTURED...
ARE YOU COLD?
BRRR
BRRR
YOU HAVE A FEVER.
HUFF
I HEARD THAT...
...REBELS PERFORM HORRIFIC MENTAL PROBES ON THEIR PRISONERS...
...AND INFLICT PAIN JUST FOR PLEASURE.
HUFF
HUFF
I WONDER IF IT'S TRUE.

YOU'VE GOT AN INFECTION.
GLOMP
HUFF HUFF

EAT THIS.
EVEN IF YOU DON'T WANT TO.

BUT YOU ALSO...
...HAVEN'T EATEN FOR A LONG TIME.

HEH
THERE'S NO POINT IN DRAGGING SOMEONE AROUND IF HE DIES.

I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.
MUNCH

POP

IT WAS THE LAST OF THE RATIONS...

CLATTER
CLATTER
WE CAN TRADE FOR GOODS WITH THE SCAVENGERS.
PLOP
THERE'S ALSO *SOMETHING I NEED.*
!
?

GRAB
WHAT THE...
Aaaghhh
Aaaghhh!
Aaaghh...

Ugh!
BA
SLAM!
THUD
AM
IS HE GOING TO KILL ME HERE?
HUFF
WAS THAT...MY "LAST SUPPER"?
HUFF
BAT
BAT
BIT
BAT
BIT
!!

WHAT'S GOING ON?
A SANDSTORM.
WHIRR
RR
BIT-BAT
BIT-BAT
BIT-BAT
BIT-BAT
WE WERE LUCKY TO FIND A PLACE TO HIDE.
DID YOU GROW UP AROUND HERE?
I GREW UP IN A DESERT.
THE SANDSTORMS WEREN'T THIS BAD, THOUGH.
WHIRRRR---

THERE...
...IT IS!
BEHIND THAT WALL...
...IS AN IMPERIAL STRONGHOLD!
...
GRIP
CREEEAAAKKK...
What?!

BUZZ BUZZ BUZZ
WHAT THE...?
WHERE IS THE IMPERIAL ARMY?
HEH.
HEH HEH HEH...
I GUESS NO IDIOT WOULD'VE GONE THROUGH SO MUCH TROUBLE TO DELIVER A PRISONER.
THUNK
CHOMP
IT DOESN'T TASTE THAT BAD.

THIS IS SO...
...MANGLED AND UGLY.
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE TASTE.
I PREFER THE BEAUTIFULLY LINED-UP NUTRIENT CUBES OF THE EMPIRE.
THUD
JUST LEAVE ME.
LET ME DIE.
KABOOOOOOOM

RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE...
DA DA DA
TUG
TMP
!!

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
IT'S GONE!
THAT HUGE SHIP DISAPPEARED!
WHAT'S THAT LIQUID? LAVA?
...NOT LAVA. THAT'S MELTED SAND...
A SEA OF LIQUID GLASS...
THE REACTOR CORES IN THE SHIP MUST HAVE SUFFERED A MELTDOWN.

Uh—!
WE CAN'T STAY HERE.
RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE
BUT...
GLORP
BLORP
...WE WON'T MAKE IT OUT IN TIME!
THE WALLS SHOULD GO AT LEAST 1,000 METERS DEEP UNDERGROUND.
WWWRRR...
IF WE STAY HERE...
THE WALLS WON'T HOLD MUCH LONGER!
AND IF THE GLASS DOESN'T GET US, WE'LL STARVE!

IF I'M SUBMERGED IN THE LIQUID GLASS, REDUCED TO MOLTEN ASH...
...THEN PERHAPS IT'S NOT A BAD END FOR A GLORIOUS IMPERIAL OFFICER.
KRAK
PZZT PZZT
WHAT IS HE DOING?
SNAP
TMP
WHAT THE...?!
BSHH
HEY!

WOOOOOOSH
WHAT?!
HE'S FLOATING?!
OVER THE LAKE?!
JUST LIKE...
...THAT HOLO TRANSMISSION.
THE REFLECTION...
...OF THE SKY IN THE GLASS.
AS IF HE'S...

...A SKY WALKER!!!
THAT'S A RIDICULOUS SUGGESTION!!
ABSOLUTELY NOT!!

FOLLOW YOU ONTO THE GLASS? ONE SLIP AND WE'LL BE DEAD!!
YOU MUST BE TRYING TO KILL US SO YOU CAN STEAL OUR POSSESSIONS!
MAYBE WE SHOULD TRY TO PILE UP THE RUBBLE HERE AND BUILD A TOWER. EVEN IF THE WALLS FALL...
LISTEN!
I KNOW YOU'RE TERRIFIED. BUT THERE IS NO OTHER SOLUTION.
WE DON'T KNOW THAT!
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT!
THERE'S NO WAY SUCH FLIMSY SHOES WOULD HELP US CROSS THIS BURNING LAKE!
TRUST ME—IT WILL WORK!
MURMUR
MUR
MUR
MURMUR--

HE'S A JEDI.
WE CAN PUT OUR FAITH IN HIM.
I'VE SEEN HIS POWER WITH MY OWN EYES!
YOU DECIMATED THE FLEET IN AN INSTANT USING THE FORCE...
BUZZ
...LUKE SKYWALKER!!
!
YOU'VE SEEN THE TRANSMISSIONS BROADCAST BY THE EMPIRE, RIGHT?
BUZZ
BUZZ
ARE WE SAVED?
SERIOUSLY?
I'VE SEEN THEM!

WHIR
RRRRRR
I'M USING THE FORCE TO GUIDE YOU.
AS LONG AS YOU STAY CLOSE TO ME, NO HARM WILL COME TO YOU.
THE FORCE...
THE FORCE IS WITH US.
WE ARE ONE WITH THE FORCE.
WE ARE ONE...
THE FORCE IS WITH US.
WE ARE ONE WITH THE FORCE.
THE FORCE IS WITH US.

RUSTLE
<THANKS.>

YOUR QUICK THINKING SAVED THEM.

THEY'RE SO ROWDY.

BUT THEY DID GIVE ME SOME USEFUL SALVAGE.

TAKE THESE.

THEY WON'T HELP WITH THE INFECTION...

...BUT THEY'LL TAKE AWAY THE PAIN FOR A WHILE.

I ALSO GOT THIS.

!!

THAT'S...

...AN IMPERIAL HOMING BEACON!

PUSH THE BUTTON WHEN I'M GONE.

AN IMPERIAL PATROL WILL COME FOR YOU.

YOU ARE PART OF THE REBELLION, RIGHT?

WAIT! TELL ME ONE LAST THING.
ARE YOU REALLY...
Woosh
...LUKE SKYWALKER?
Ewip
...

WE'RE ALL
LUKE SKYWALKER.

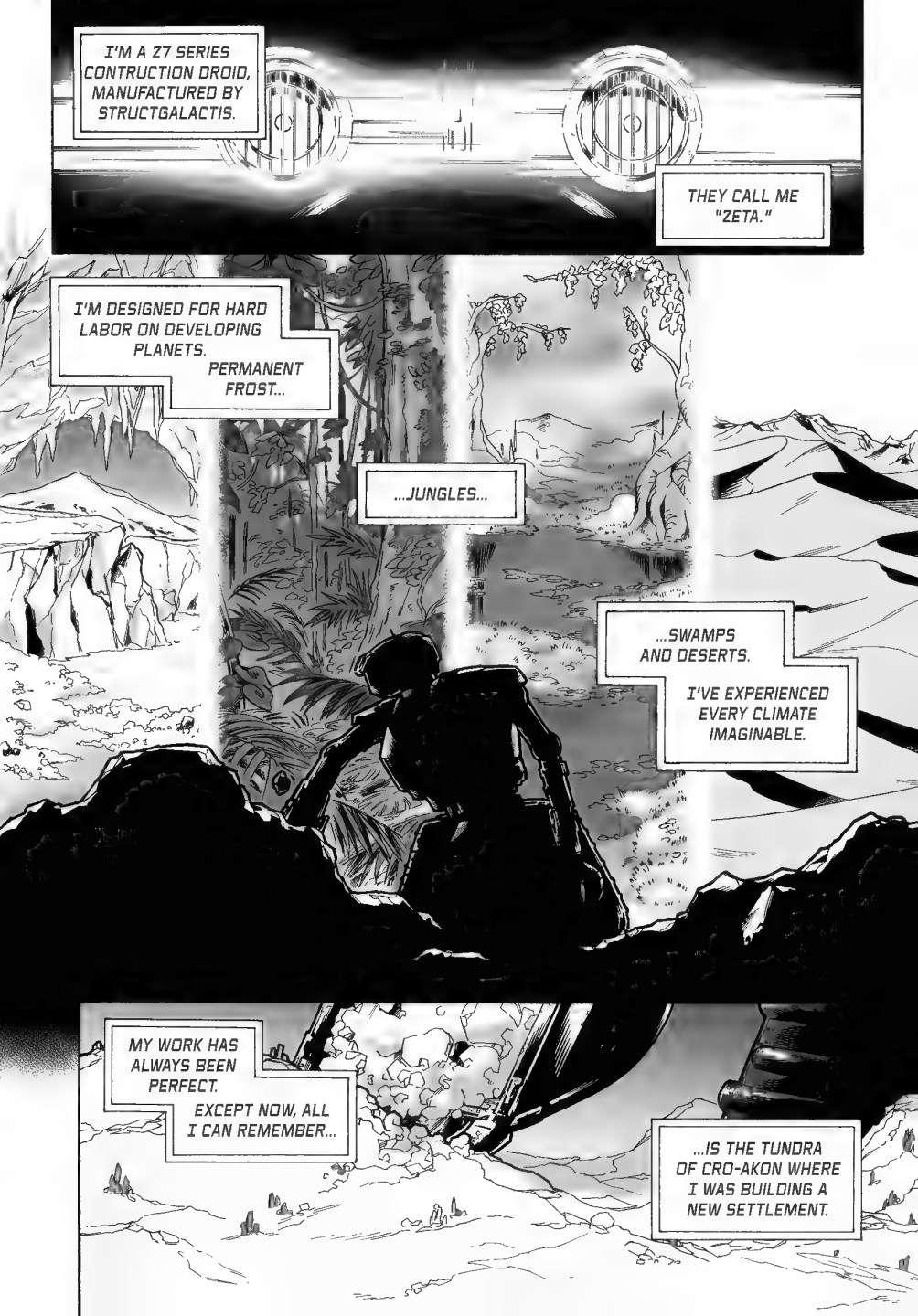
THE SIGNAL BEACON WORKED. I WAS PICKED UP BY THE IMPERIAL ARMY.
BUT...
...THEY INTERROGATED ME AS A DESERTER...
HOLD IT!
I'M LOYAL TO THE EMPIRE.
...AND TREATED ME LIKE A TRAITOR.
I HAD THOUGHT IT WAS THE REBELS WHO PERFORMED THOSE HORRIFIC MENTAL PROBES AND TORTURED OTHERS FOR THEIR OWN PLEASURE...
Aaaghhh
...BUT SOMETIMES THE PEOPLE YOU TRUST MOST TURN OUT TO BE MONSTERS.

I AM...
...STILL PART OF THE PROUD IMPERIAL...
LIAR!
THE WAR CRIMINAL LUKE SKYWALKER WAS NOWHERE NEAR JAKKU.
GET DOWN.
KCHAK
WE'LL CONTINUE THIS TOMORROW.
I'M NOT SOME KID TO BE DRAGGED AROUND ANYMORE.
DA!
!
GRAB
BAAM

CHIK!
WHA-?!
DAMN IT!
KCHAK
I KNEW YOU WERE...
WE'RE ALL...
...LUKE SKYWALKER.
THE END

THESE AREN'T THE DROIDS
YOU'RE LOOKING FOR.

– OBI-WAN KENOBI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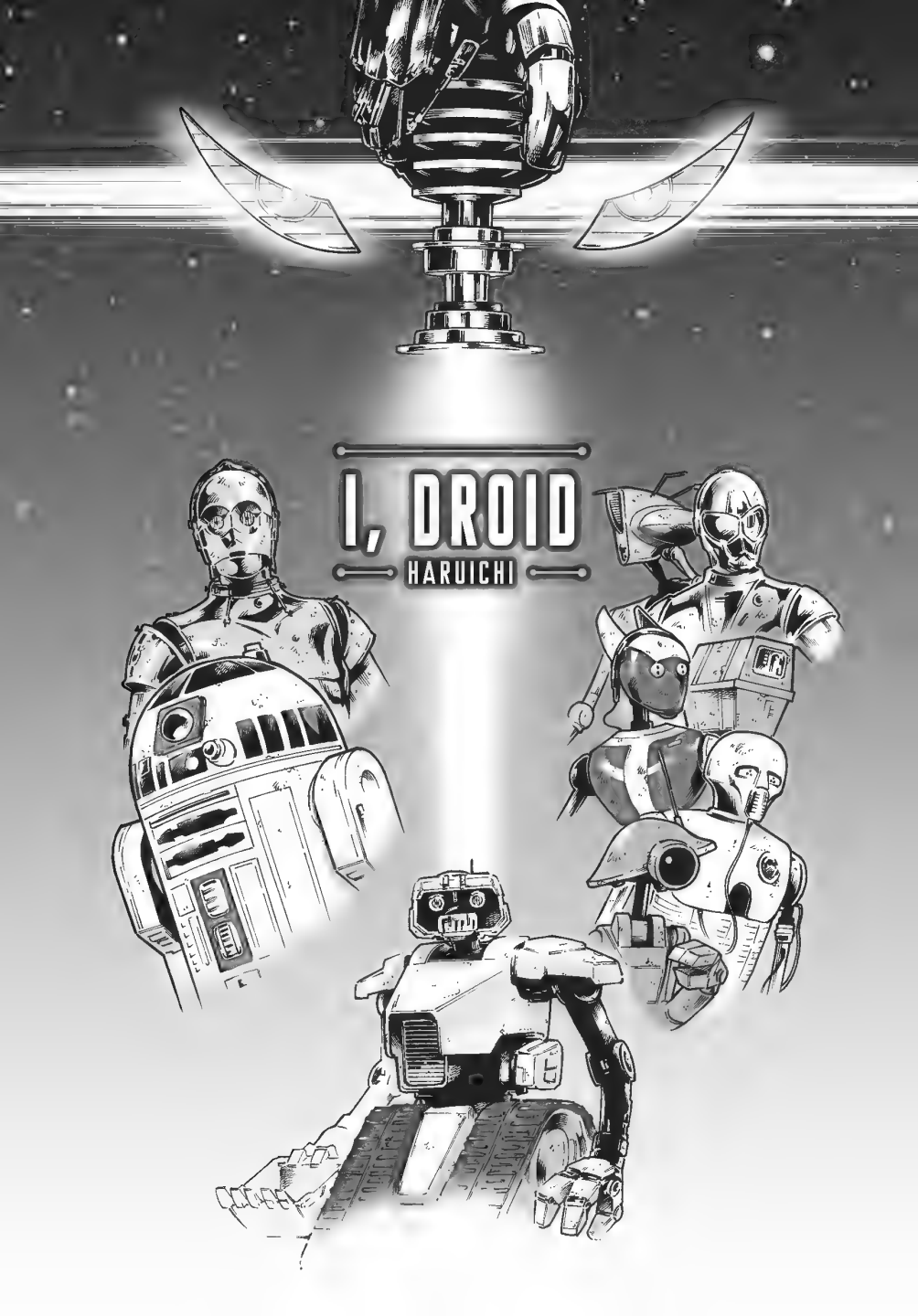
I'M DESIGNED FOR HARD LABOR ON DEVELOPING PLANETS.
PERMANENT FROST...
...JUNGLES...
...SWAMPS AND DESERTS.
I'VE EXPERIENCED EVERY CLIMATE IMAGINABLE.
MY WORK HAS ALWAYS BEEN PERFECT.
EXCEPT NOW, ALL I CAN REMEMBER...
...IS THE TUNDRA OF CRO-AKON WHERE I WAS BUILDING A NEW SETTLEMENT.

MY LIFE WAS DESTROYED BY ROARING WIND...
...LIGHT...
...AND WIRES.
NOW I'M ABOARD A SLAVE SHIP AND MY DESTINATION IS UNKNOWN.
NOW ALL I CAN SEE OUT OF THIS SMALL WINDOW...
...IS A SPACE STATION ABOVE A BEAUTIFUL PLANET...
...AND THE BLEAK FUTURE I AM ABOUT TO FACE.


I, DROID
HARUICHI

THE GEM...
AH! WELL, WELL!
CAPTAIN U'RUM! WELCOME BACK TO THE GEM.
LORD KLULEYEKE AND LADY EEKEE...
THE HAUL THIS TIME IS EXCELLENT!
GREAT! IT'S ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO SEE YOUR SELECTION.
WE HAVE MANY SMALL DROIDS...
...AS WELL AS BRAND-NEW PROTOCOL DROIDS.

LARGE LABOR DROIDS ARE ALSO QUITE USEFUL.
THEY MAY COST A BIT MORE...
...BUT THEY'LL DEFINITELY EARN THEIR PRICE.
KLANG
BOOOOP
GLONG
OOOPPAH
OH MY. I THOUGHT YOU HAD THEM ALL RESTRAINED AND GAGGED.
BLOOP BEE
BLOOP
I DID.
VWEE
?
BOOO OPAH!
A SMALL ASTROMECH DROID PAINTED IN WHITE, SILVER, AND BLUE...
...HAD SLICED THROUGH ITS RESTRAINING BOLTS, RATTLING ITS BODY DEFIANTLY.
BEE BOO
INTERESTING. A HIDDEN CUTTER.

AN R2 SERIES, EH? THEY'RE KNOWN FOR AFTERMARKET MODIFICATIONS.
YOU CAN'T RELY ON STANDARD RESTRAINTS FOR THESE LITTLE TROUBLE-MAKERS.
YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT HIDDEN APPENDAGES THEY MAY HAVE.

WOOO
WHEE...

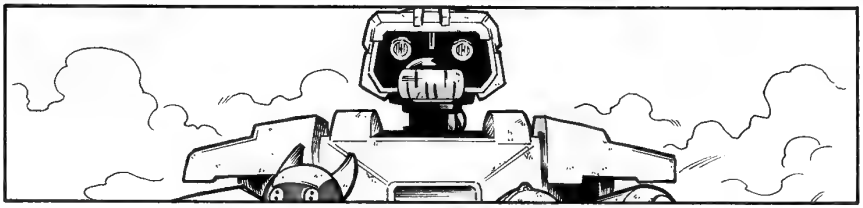
BUT THEY ARE PERFECT FOR THE JOB REQUIRED *HERE*.
YES, DEFINITELY.
A HARDY DROID LIKE THIS WOULD BE USEFUL FOR SIFTING THROUGH THE CRUSHED ORE.

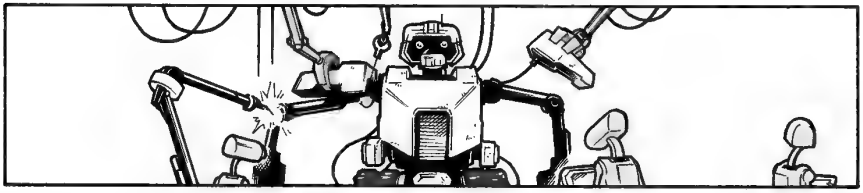
UNTIL THE ACID MELTS AWAY ALL HIS APPENDAGES...
...HIDDEN OR NOT. HA HA HA!

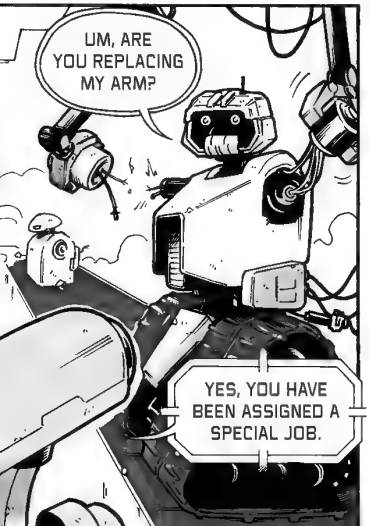
BOOOPOOO OOPPAH BLOOP
CLANG CLANG
BOO BEEP
WORK UNTIL WE MELT?
IS THIS A PROTOCOL NOT IN MY DATABASE?

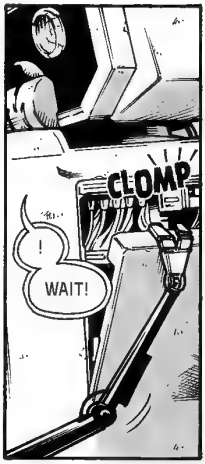
GWOON
PEEP
PEEP
GWOON
GWOON
WHAT IS THIS PLACE?!
PEEP
PEEP
PEEP
PEEP
PEEP
PEEP
PEEP
WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO US?
WILL THEY OPERATE ON US? DISASSEMBLE US?
HA HA HA!
I KNOW THAT MANY OF YOU ARE SCARED, BUT ISN'T THIS WONDERFUL?
YOU WILL BE LIBERATED FROM YOUR PREVIOUS LIVES...
...AND TAKE ON A NOBLE PURPOSE!
LOOK AT THIS TEAR OPAL!
YOU CAN ONLY DIG FOR THESE RARE GEMSTONES WITHIN THE INHOSPITABLE MINES OF "THE DEEP."
WE NEED YOUR STRONG BODIES TO WORK IN THESE HARSH CONDITIONS. IT IS A PRIVILEGE ONLY YOU HAVE!

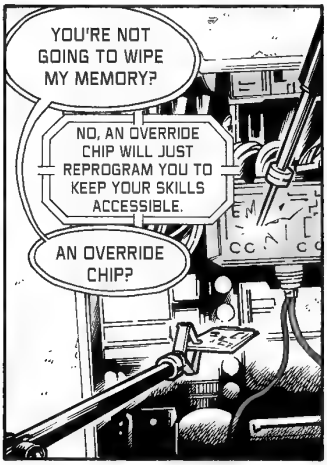
BE PROUD! YOUR COURAGEOUS WORK FREES US TO PONDER LIFE IN COMFORT...
...AND DELIVER OUR SPIRITUAL INSIGHTS TO THE GALAXY!






UM, ARE YOU REPLACING MY ARM?
YES, YOU HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED A SPECIAL JOB.


CLOMP
!
WAIT!


YOU'RE NOT GOING TO WIPE MY MEMORY?
NO, AN OVERRIDE CHIP WILL JUST REPROGRAM YOU TO KEEP YOUR SKILLS ACCESSIBLE.
AN OVERRIDE CHIP?

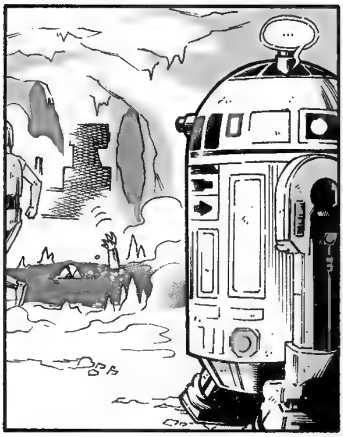
UGH...
NO...
ZZT
I FEEL...
ZT...
...REALLY...
...HELPLESS.
.....

RUMBLE
CRACKLE
BO BOOM
CRACKLE
BOOM
AAGHHH!
OH, WE'RE DOOMED!
KABOOM
WE CANNOT SURVIVE SUCH A PLANET.
BO BOOM
BOOM
THE MAKER WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SAVE US!
BWOOP BWOOP
OOP WOOOO WHEEEP
THANK YOU. IT'S A WONDERFUL SONG, BUT I'M IN NO MOOD TO SING.
CLANG

I'M A Z7 SERIES CONTRUCTION DROID, MANUFACTURED BY STRUCTGALACTIS.
THEY CALL ME "ZETA."
I'M DESIGNED FOR HARD LABOR ON DEVELOPING PLANETS.
I'VE EXPERIENCED EVERY CLIMATE IMAGINABLE.
NO TALKING.
BZZT
MY CURRENT JOB...
BZZT
...IS TO ENFORCE THE RULES AND SUPPRESS REBELLIONS.
I DIDN'T MIND THE TALKING.
UGH, MY HEAD HURTS. MY CIRCUITS FEEL FRIED.
EVEN THOUGH MY MEMORIES REMAIN...
...THE OVERRIDE CHIP CREATES VIOLENT INTENTIONS.
AARRGHHHHH
A DARKNESS I CAN'T RESIST.

EVERYTHING IS FOR THE CIVILIZED MASTERS AND TEAR OPALS.
WHIRRRR
DRIP
DRIP
GRRK
GRKK
GRRK
SIZZLE
SIZZLE

GWWOOON
SIZZLE
URGH...
HEY! KEEP WORKING!
SNAP
SIZZLE
GARGH...
I CAN'T...
VSSHHH
...WORK ANYMORE...
GET TO YOUR POSITIONS!
ARRGHHH
NOW!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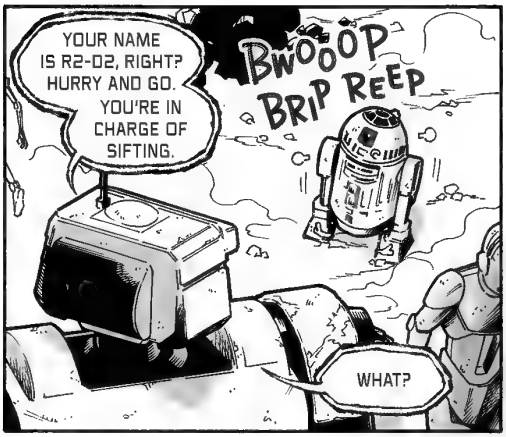
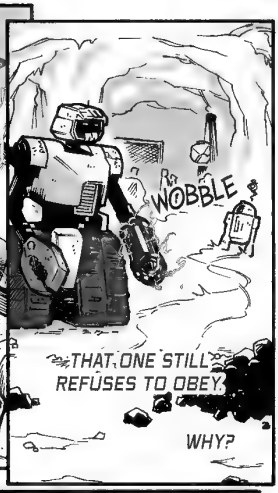
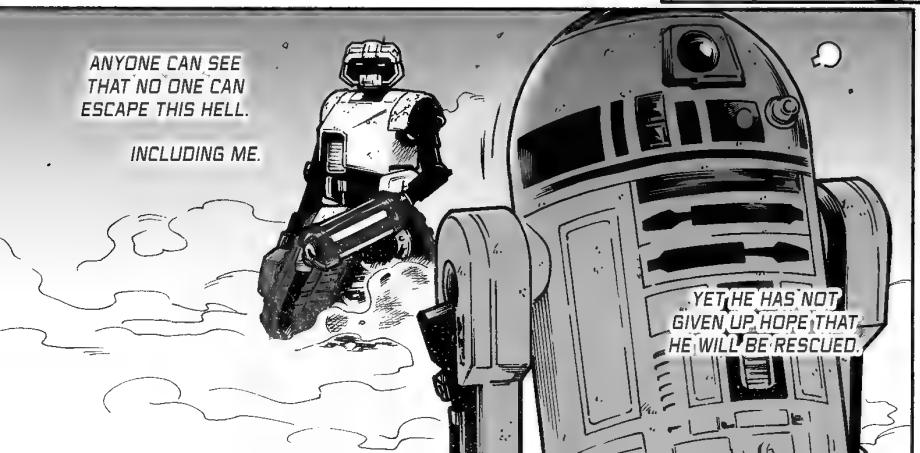

YOUR NAME IS R2-D2, RIGHT? HURRY AND GO. YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF SIFTING.
BWOOOP BRIP REEP
WHAT?

THIS IS AN ORDER.
FORGET YOUR LAST MASTER! I AM YOUR MASTER NOW!
BZZLT
WHEEEOO
BWOOOP!

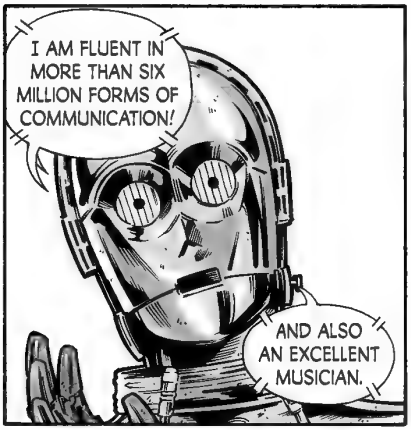
STOP COMPLAINING OR I'LL CONSIDER THIS A REBELLION.
OOPRAH
JUST SHUT UP AND WORK!


WOBBLE
THAT ONE STILL REFUSES TO OBEY.
WHY?

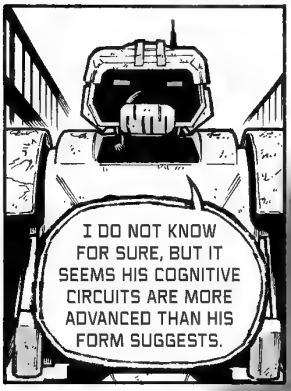

ANYONE CAN SEE THAT NO ONE CAN ESCAPE THIS HELL.
INCLUDING ME.
...YET HE HAS NOT GIVEN UP HOPE THAT HE WILL BE RESCUED.

SEVERAL DAYS LATER...
YOU SUMMONED ME?
YOUR WORK HAS BEEN EXCELLENT, ZETA!
YOU HAVE A KEEN EYE AS AN ENFORCER DROID.
WE WANT YOU TO WRANGLE THE NEW SHIPMENT.
I HAVE A GOOD HAUL AGAIN TODAY!
SHOW ME, QUICKLY!
POOR THINGS.
THEY'LL HAVE THE SAME FATE AS ME.
WORKED UNTIL WE MELT AWAY...
...AND EVENTUALLY...
OH MY! WHAT AN ODD MACHINE!

IS THIS... A PROTOCOL DROID?
THE PLATES ARE LOOSE AND A BIT MISSHAPEN.
AND SCRIBBLES!
IT'S DANGEROUS TO BE LEFT UNRESTRAINED...
HE SAID HIS CIRCUITS ARE TOO DELICATE AND PROMISED TO BEHAVE.
THESE DROIDS ARE INCAPABLE OF LYING.
HE'S ACTUALLY MORE OF A VOLUNTEER.
AMUSING, IF A BIT VERBOSE.
WOULD HE BE USEFUL?
IF I MAY, I WILL EXCEL IN SERVING YOU!

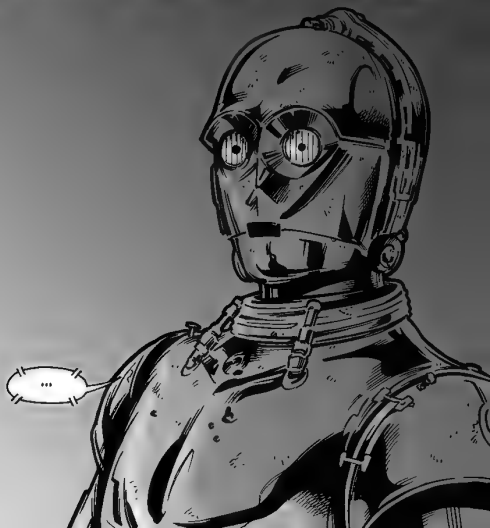

I AM FLUENT IN MORE THAN SIX MILLION FORMS OF COMMUNICATION!
AND ALSO AN EXCELLENT MUSICIAN.

OH! HE SPEAKS SO ELOQUENTLY.
BUT STILL...
ZETA! WHAT DO YOU THINK?

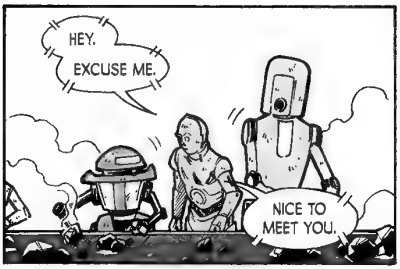

I DO NOT KNOW FOR SURE, BUT IT SEEMS HIS COGNITIVE CIRCUITS ARE MORE ADVANCED THAN HIS FORM SUGGESTS.

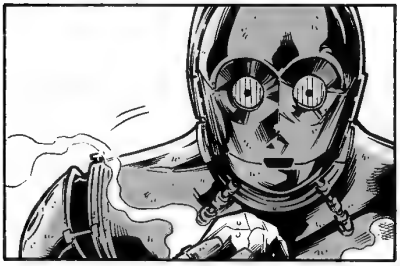
WELL, IF HE VOLUNTEERED...
...WE CAN TRY HIM OUT IN THE MINES.
YES, THAT'S AGREEABLE.
SOLD!

...

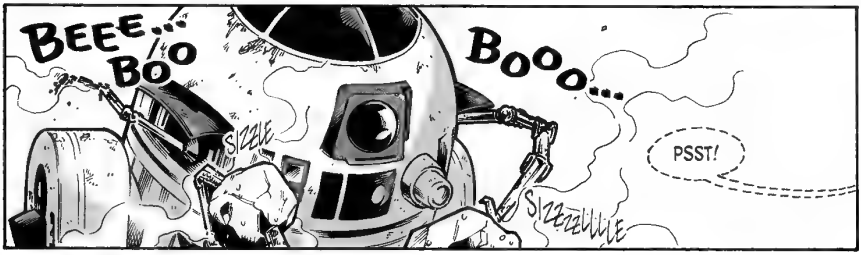

...

MOVE!
MOVE!
I TOLD YOU TO MOVE FASTER!
AARRGHHHH
OR YOU'LL NEVER FINISH THE JOB!
GET TO THE SIFTING LINE, NOW!
IF YOU DON'T PICK OUT A HUNDRED GRAMS OF TEAR OPALS PER HOUR, YOU'LL BE SENT TO THE TUNNELS TO DIG ORE!
BZZT
BZZT
OH NO!
URGH...
SIZZLE
...


HEY.
EXCUSE ME.
NICE TO MEET YOU.



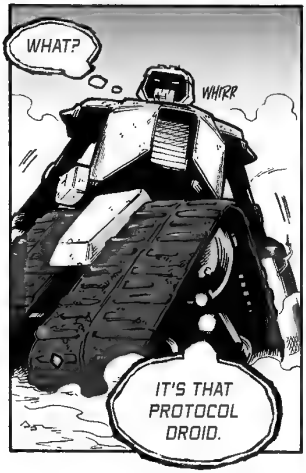
WOOO...
WHEE

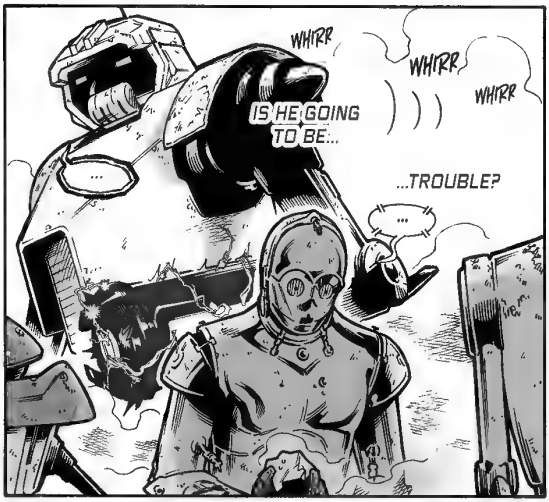

BEEE...
BOO
SIZZLE
BOOO...
PSST!
SIZZZZLLLE

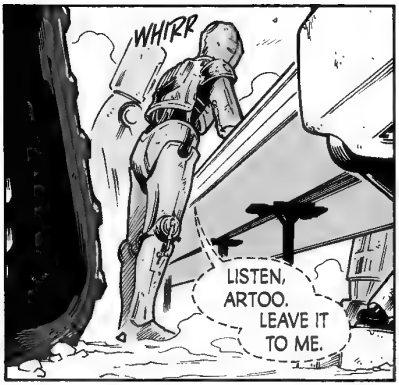
ARTOO!
I'M HERE.
!
...
SORRY IT TOOK SO LONG.

FWEEEOOO
BWOOPBRRP
I GOT IT! WAIT!
SHH!

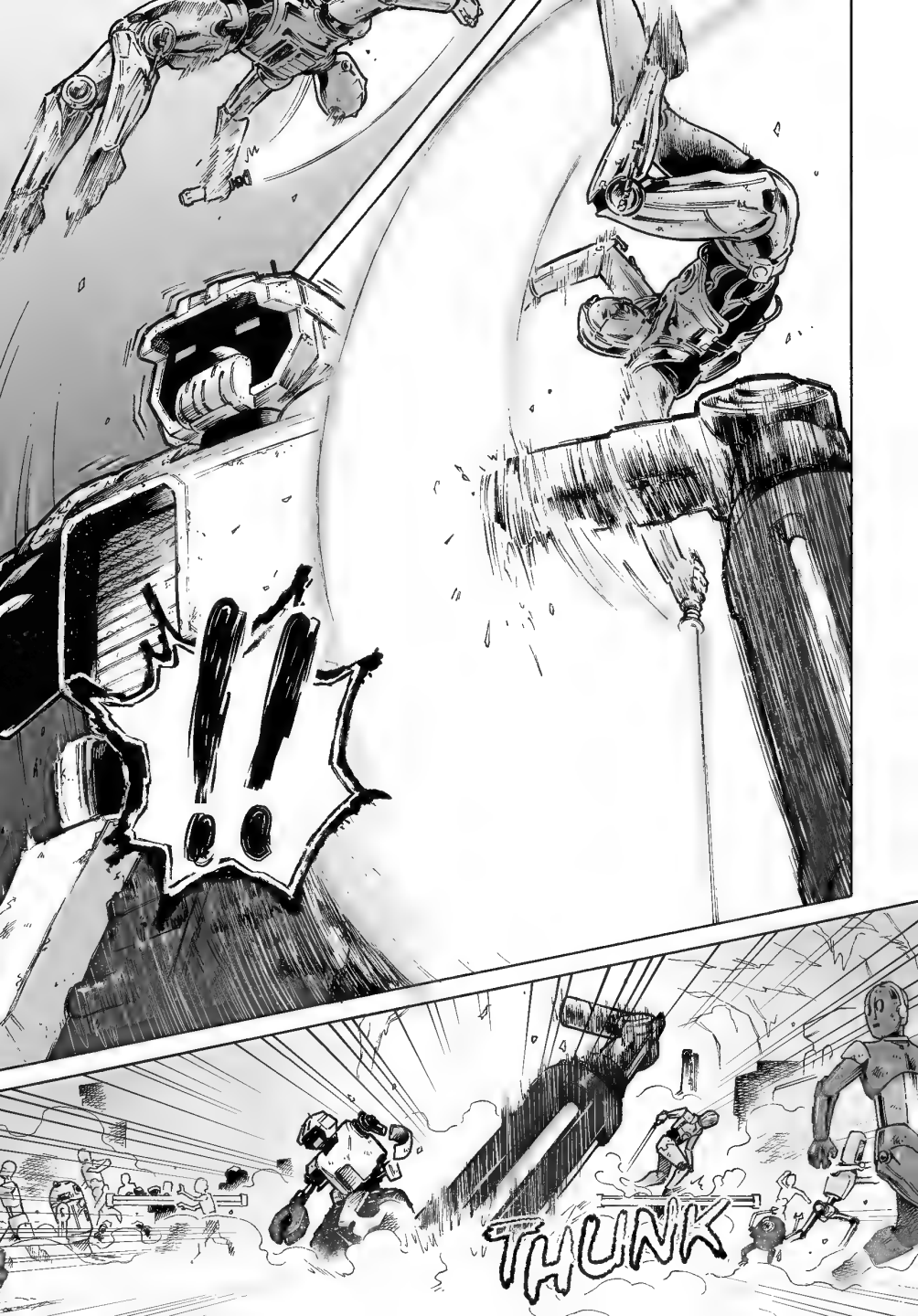
BWOOP
TWEET
BWIP
CALM DOWN! THE ENFORCER DROID'S WATCHING.


WHAT?
WHIRR
IT'S THAT PROTOCOL DROID.


WHIRR
WHIRR
WHIRR
IS HE GOING TO BE...
...TROUBLE?



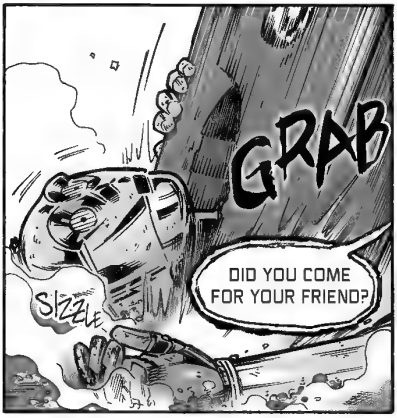
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

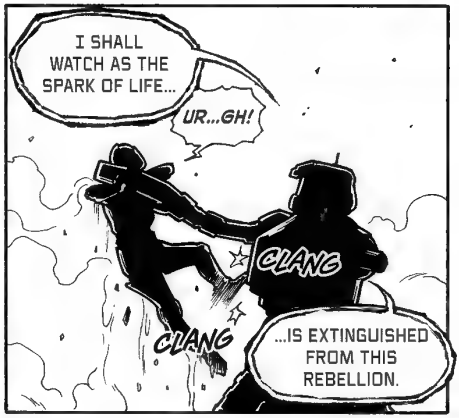

THUNK

WHAT?
WHAT WAS THAT?
...UGH!
I HAVE NEVER SEEN A DROID MOVE LIKE THAT!
IS HE...
...HUMAN?
IMPOSSIBLE.
NO HUMAN CAN SURVIVE THE DEEP.
YOU CONNIVING DROID.
BWEEN
BWEEN
BWEEN
BWEEN
THIS IS A REBELLION.
I WILL SUPPRESS IT!

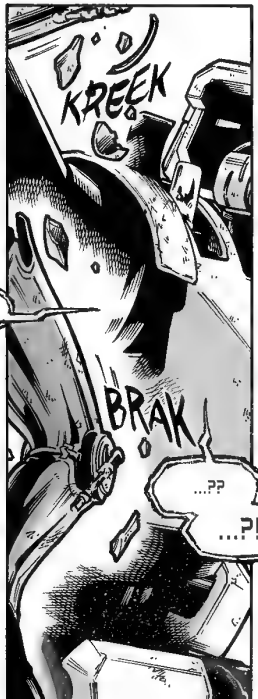
CRASH
SLIP
WHOA!
GURGH...

GAH!
SIZZLE


GRAB
SIZZLE
DID YOU COME FOR YOUR FRIEND?


I SHALL WATCH AS THE SPARK OF LIFE...
UR...GH!
CLANG
CLANG
...IS EXTINGUISHED FROM THIS REBELLION.

KRISH
BRAK
...!
KRIK

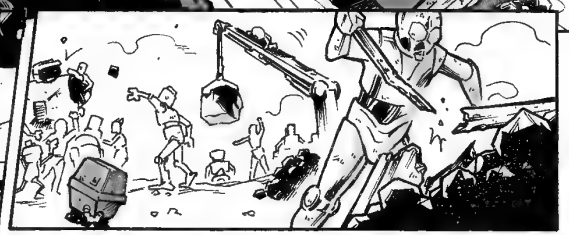

KREEK
...
BRAK
...??
...?!

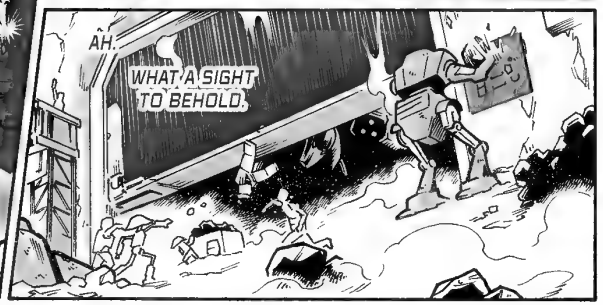
BREAK
NO WAY.

A HUMAN?!
HE REALLY IS...
...HUMAN!!!
THAT'S WHY HE TRICKED U'RUM INTO NOT APPLYING THE RESTRAINING HARNESS.
BUT WHY DOES HE HAVE A METAL HAND?
IN THIS HELLISH PLACE ...
...THIS MAN REMAINS FEARLESS.
HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?
IS HE DROID OR MAN?!

LISTEN! WE HAVE TO...
...!
...WORK TOGETHER!
THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO BE FREE!
OOOOOPAAAHH!!
GONK
BOOO BEEE BLOOP
GONK
...
BANG
BANG
GONK
BWOOOP RREEP
GONK
...

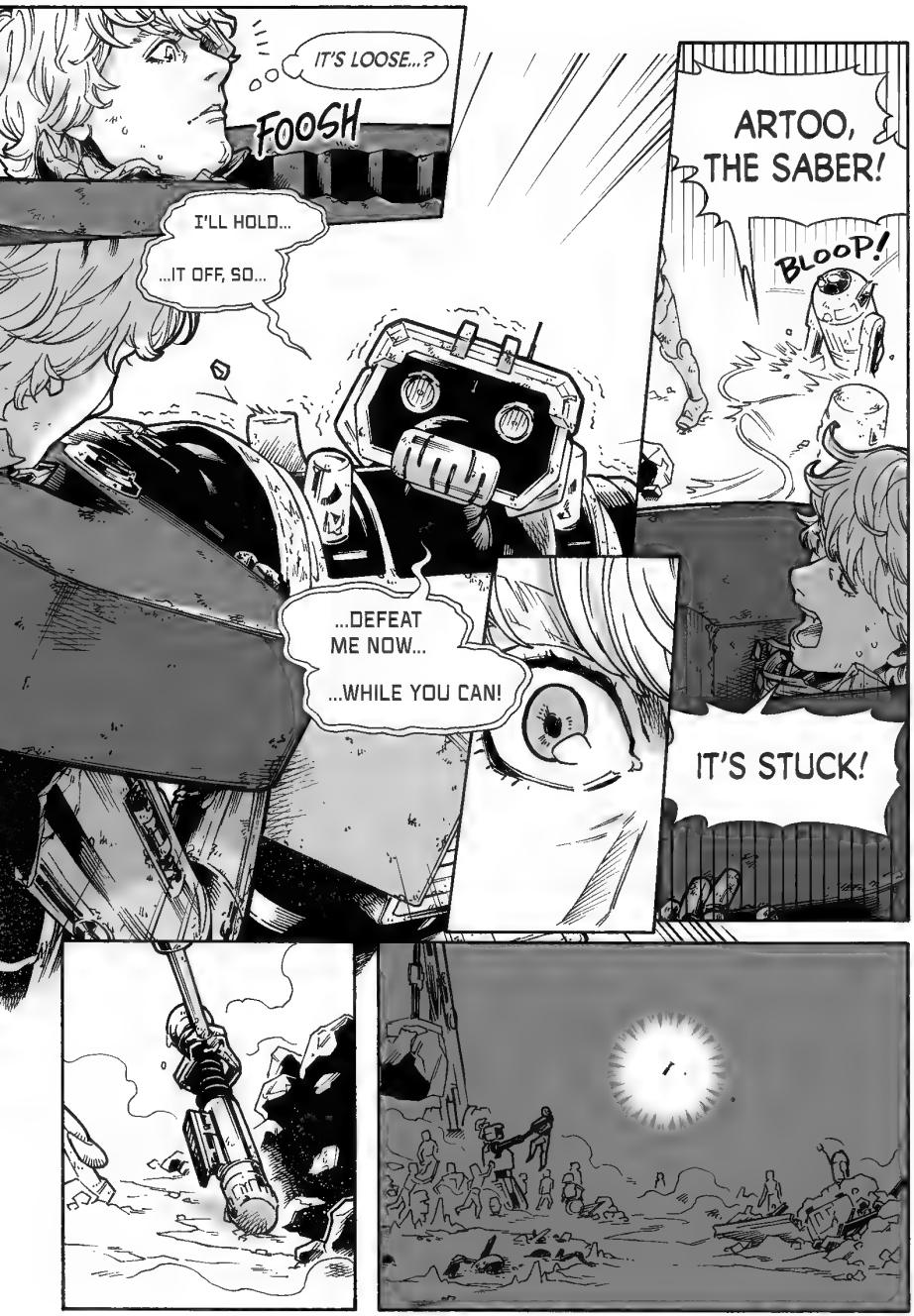
RAAWRRRRR
BWEEE
BEE BOOO
PEEP
WOOO
BLLLP
BLEEP




AH.
WHAT A SIGHT TO BEHOLD.

EVERYONE RALLIED...
...TO STAND AGAINST THIS HELL, AGAINST ME.
THIS FEARLESS MAN-DROID IS THEIR NEW HOPE.

I WANT...
...TO FIGHT TOO.
TO RESIST THIS VIOLENT OVERRIDE CHIP...
...AND BE FEARLESS ZETA!

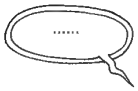

IT'S LOOSE...?
FOOSH
I'LL HOLD...
...IT OFF, SO...
ARTOO, THE SABER!
BLOOP!
...DEFEAT ME NOW...
...WHILE YOU CAN!
IT'S STUCK!

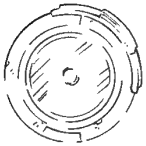
"LUKE."
THAT'S WHAT R2-D2 CALLED HIM.
"LUKE, CATCH!"
I FINALLY LEARNED HIS NAME AS I RETURNED TO MYSELF.
I CAN'T...
...HOLD ON ANYMORE...
SUPPRESS...
...THE REBELLION...
BZZT
BZZZT
BZZT
?!
EVERYONE, SCATTER!
BOO BEE!
PEEP!
RRRWOO

WHACK
!!
CRASSHHH
IT'S OVER.
KSHH
STOP!
THIS IS A FITTING END FOR A HORRIBLE ENFORCER DROID.

DON'T DESTROY HER.
THERE'S STILL GOOD IN HER.
BOOOP
IT'S *NOT* BECAUSE OF THE FORCE.
I KNOW IT.
GLACK
TWEET BWOOP
ARTOO, GIVE ME A HAND.
WIP WIP WOOOO
DON'T SAY THAT.
CUT HERE.
BE CAREFUL.
GOOONG
GOONG
THERE'S NO WAY.
IS HE TRYING TO REMOVE THE OVERRIDE CHIP?

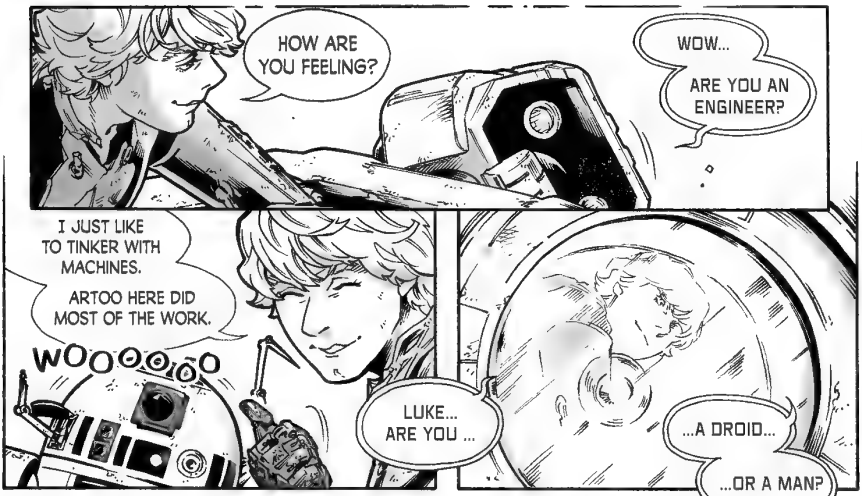
GOOOONG
GWAAANG
OH NO! IT'S MORE ENFORCER DROIDS!
BEEEP
NOOO, WE'RE DOOMED!
WHIRR WHIRR
WE HAVE TO LEAVE, NOW!
GWAAANG
PUMP PUMP
WE'RE DOOMED!
IT'S TOO LATE! WE'LL BE THROWN INTO THE ACID POOLS!
BEEEEEEEEEP

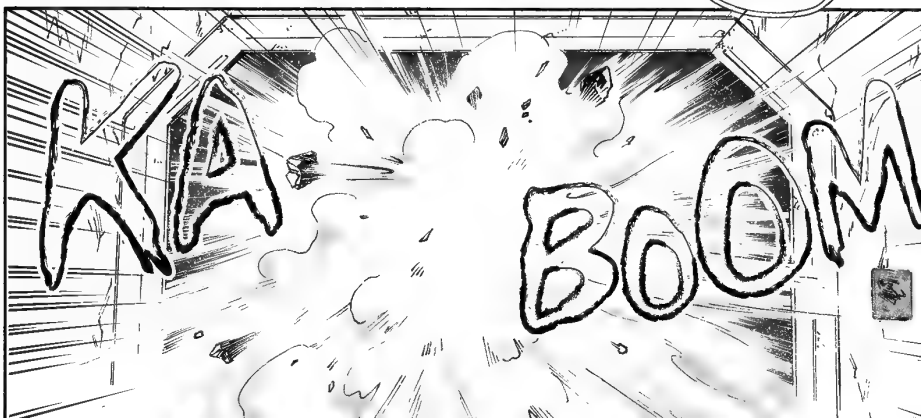




THE DARKNESS...

...IS GONE.





ZUN
ZUZUN
ZHOO
OOM

OH NO...
AAAGH!

WOBBLE
ZU
N
VSSHHOOOOOO
...
...!
HE'S UNSTOPPABLE...!
DON'T...
...KILL HIM.
PLEASE. HE'S JUST LIKE ME.
THERE'S GOOD STILL IN HIM.
IT'S THE OVERRIDE CHIP.

I KNOW.
BUT THERE'S NO TIME TO HELP THEM ALL AS WE HELPED YOU.
IF ONLY THERE WERE A WAY TO GET TO THE PARITY GATE.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
THE OVERRIDE CHIP...
...HAS A WEAKNESS.
A SINGLE LOGIC GATE CAN BE FLIPPED...
...TO DISABLE THE WHOLE CHIP.
BUT...
...IT REQUIRES A PRECISION FEW DROIDS COULD PERFORM, LET ALONE A HUMAN.
WITH THAT MANY ENFORCERS...
GOT IT.
THANKS.
...WHAT?!
ZUN...

?
WHY DID HE RETRACT HIS SABER?
DID HE GIVE UP?
BLIP BEEP TWEET BLOOOP
...?
THE "FORCE"?
WHAT IS THAT?
A KIND OF...
...MYSTICAL ENERGY?

TWITCH
WHIRR
.....
...

I GOT THEM.
ALL OF THEM.
CRASSSHHH
JUST THE WAY YOU TAUGHT ME.
THUD
UN...
...BELIEVABLE.

...
URGH...
NO WAY! I CANNOT BELIEVE IT!
WE'RE FREE!
WOOOOOOO
I CLOSED THE PARITY GATES.
WITH A SIMPLE GESTURE...
...HE FLIPPED THE FEW DOZEN LOGIC GATES SCATTERED ACROSS TRILLIONS OF GATES IN ENFORCERS ALL ACROSS THE DEEP.
HE DID WHAT NO ORGANIC AND NO DROID COULD DO.

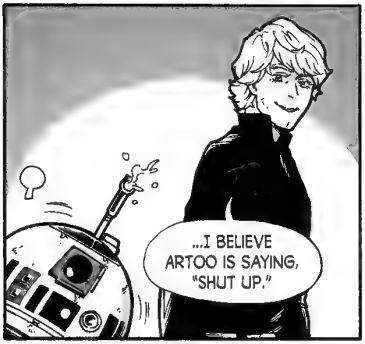
IT WAS A MIRACLE.
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.
BEEP BOO
ALL OF US.
THE WAVE OF CHIRPS AND BEEPS AND WHISTLES THAT GREETED THAT ANNOUNCEMENT...
PEEP
REEEE
WHOOO
WOOOO
BOOOP
PAHHH
OOOW
BLIP BLIP
...WAS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL BINARY MUSIC I HAVE EVER HEARD.

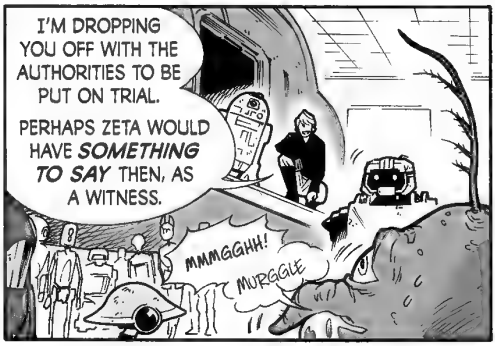
EEK!
WHAT'S GOING ON?! WHY ARE THE DROIDS HERE?!
BEEP
CLANG
DON'T COME NEAR ME! YOU'RE FILTHY!
BLOOP BLIP
PLINK
HOW DID YOU GET FREE?!
THE HEM OF MY DRESS MELTED!
WOOO WEEE
CLANG
BOO BLOOP
HEY, STOP THAT!!
I THINK THIS IS ALL OF THEM.

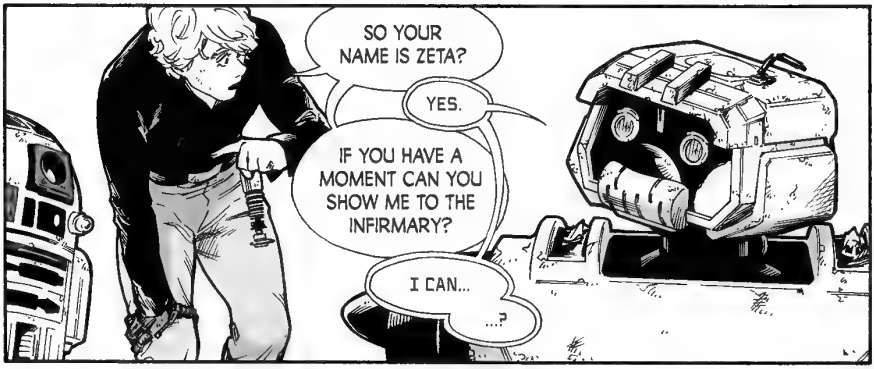
UGH!
YOU PESKY HUMAN!!
HOW DARE YOU SCHEME A DROID REBELLION!

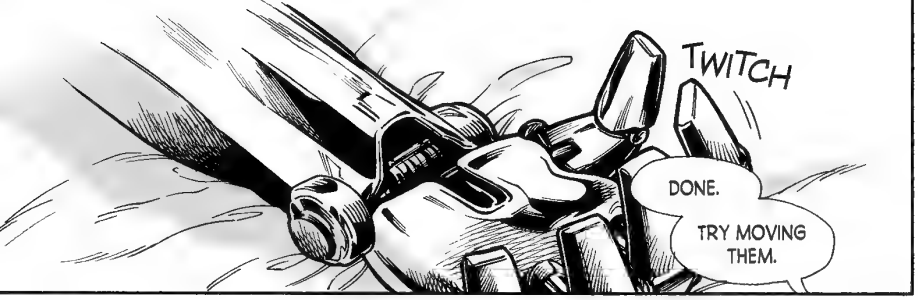
DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE MY INFLUENCE! YOU'LL BE SORRY!
ZETA! AFTER ALL I DID FOR YOU!

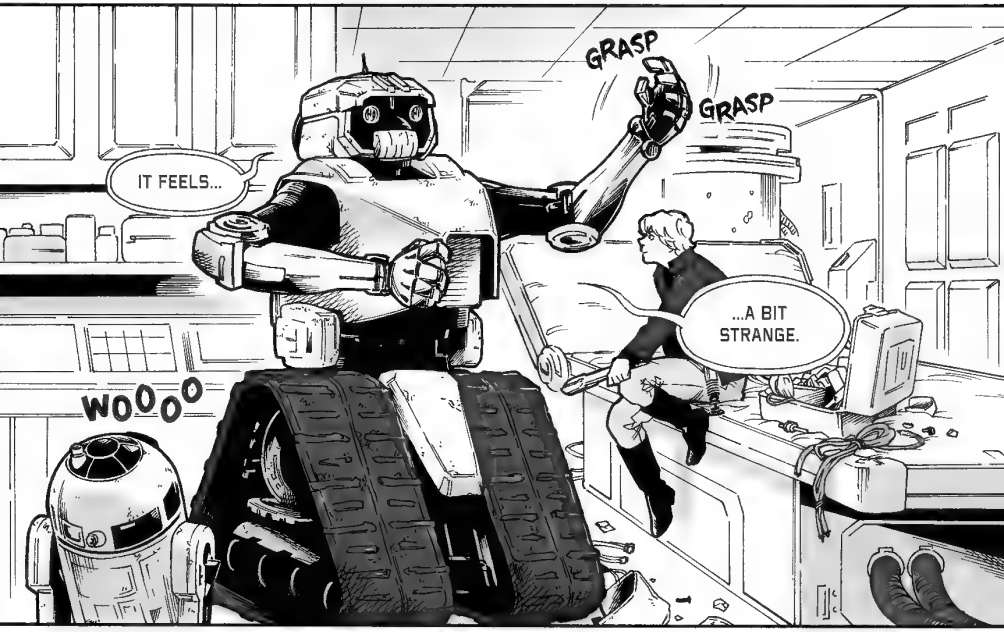
SAY SOMETHING-!
SPLAT!


...I BELIEVE ARTOO IS SAYING, "SHUT UP."

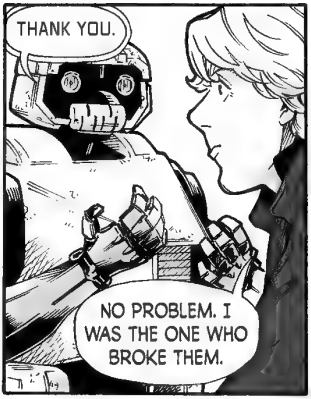

I'M DROPPING YOU OFF WITH THE AUTHORITIES TO BE PUT ON TRIAL.
PERHAPS ZETA WOULD HAVE ***SOMETHING TO SAY*** THEN, AS A WITNESS.
MMMGGHH!
MUPGGLE


SO YOUR NAME IS ZETA?
YES.
IF YOU HAVE A MOMENT CAN YOU SHOW ME TO THE INFIRMARY?
I CAN...
...?

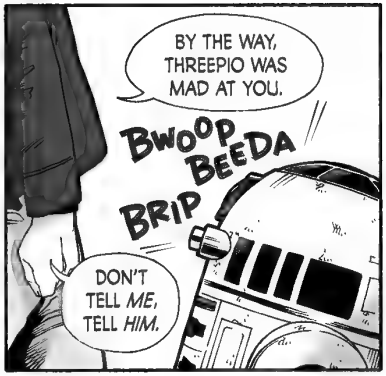

TWITCH
DONE.
TRY MOVING THEM.

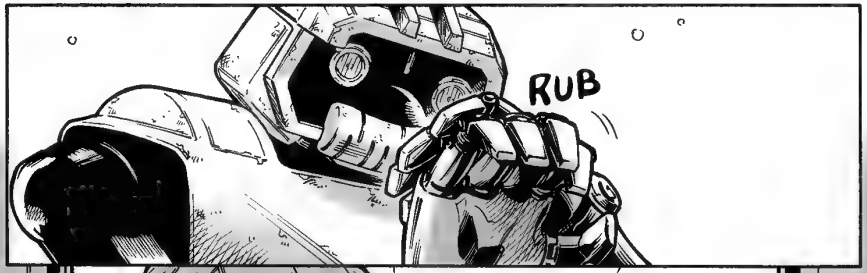

GRASP
GRASP
IT FEELS...
...A BIT STRANGE.
WOOOO

YOU'LL GET USED TO THEM.
I KNOW HOW IT FEELS.


THANK YOU.
NO PROBLEM. I WAS THE ONE WHO BROKE THEM.

OKAY, ENOUGH OF THAT.
TIME TO HEAD BACK TO THE COCKPIT.
I'M GOING TO RETURN ALL THE DROIDS TO THEIR HOMES.
INCLUDING YOU.


BY THE WAY, THREEPIO WAS MAD AT YOU.
BWOOP BEEDA BRIP
DON'T TELL *ME*, TELL *HIM*.


RUB

R2 AND LUKE HEADING TO THE COCKPIT...
...LOOKING LIKE AN ORDINARY HUMAN PILOT AND HIS ASTROMECH DROID.

IT WAS THE GREAT JEDI LUKE SKYWALKER...
...WHO ONCE FREED THOUSANDS OF SLAVES ON A FORGOTTEN WORLD.
BUT I KNOW A DEEPER TRUTH.
LUKE SKYWALKER IS NOT MERELY A GREAT MAN...
...HE IS ALSO, AT LEAST PARTLY...
...A GREAT DROID.
THE END

SIZE MATTERS NOT. LOOK AT ME.
JUDGE ME BY MY SIZE, DO YOU?

– YODA

THE TALE OF
LUGUBRIOUS MOTE
SUBARU

IT'S TOUGH BEING SMALL.
ANYONE UNDER THIS TYPICAL RANGE...
...IS OFTEN LOOKED DOWN ON. LITERALLY.
NO, NO...

ZOOM!
?
THAT'S NOT ME.
CAN YOU ZOOM IN A BIT MORE?
ZOOM!
NO, A LITTLE MORE.
ZOOM!
SO? CAN YOU SEE ME?
I'M LUGUBRIOUS MOTE.
BIOLOGISTS UNFAIRLY DESCRIBE MY SPECIES AS PARASITES.
WE ACTUALLY LIVE IN AN ARRANGEMENT THAT MUTUALLY BENEFITS THE MONKEY-LIZARDS WE INHABIT.
JUST LIKE THIS...
LAUGH!
!
KYA HAHI
HA HA HA

I GREW UP ASSISTING SALACIOUS B. CRUMB, THE PALACE CLOWN OF CRIME LORD JABBA THE HUTT...
...AND GOT TO SHARE IN THE SCRAPS JABBA TOSSED OUR WAY.
KYA HAHA
HA HA HA
I THOUGHT I WAS CONTENT.
KOF
KOF
UNTIL THE DAY SKYWALKER SHOWED UP.
FLASH

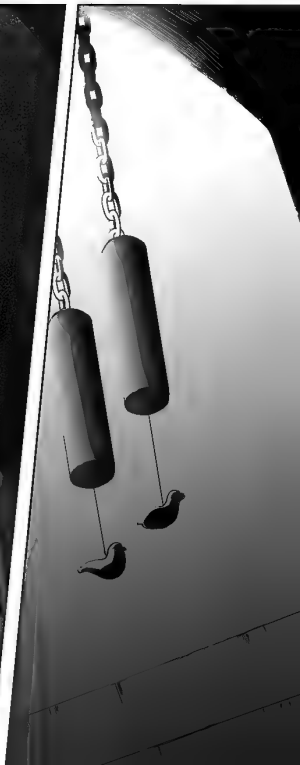
GREETINGS, EXALTED ONE...
I AM LUKE SKYWALKER...
IT WAS JUST A PROJECTION FROM THE DROID, BUT I HAD NEVER HEARD A VOICE LIKE THAT.
A VOICE BOTH PLEADING AND THREATENING, SUFFUSED WITH CONFIDENCE!
... JEDI KNIGHT AND FRIEND OF CAPTAIN SOLO.
HE WASN'T THERE TO BARGAIN FOR PROFIT, BUT TO PLEAD FOR HIS FRIEND.
I SEEK AN AUDIENCE WITH YOUR GREATNESS, TO BARGAIN FOR HIS LIFE.

WAS HE JUST FOOLHARDY OR RUNNING SOME BIG CON?
HE WAS AN UNCERTAINTY WRAPPED WITHIN AN ENIGMA HIDDEN WITHIN A MYSTERY.

AFTER SKYWALKER MADE A SPLASH, NOTHING HAPPENED FOR A WHILE, BUT...
<BRING HER!>*
*Translated from Huttese
...LEIA, LEIA ORGANA, ARRIVED!
CLINK
GLARE
<COME CLOSER!>
TUG

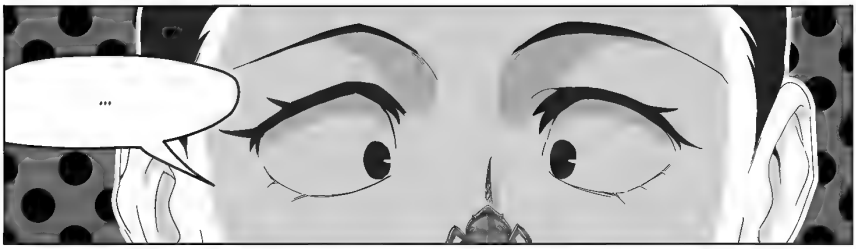
LEIA HAD THE SHEER AUDACITY TO NAVIGATE JABBA'S PALACE IN THE DARK, TRYING TO STEAL HIS MOST PRIZED POSSESSION FROM RIGHT UNDER HIS NOSE.
SHE IS A LADY WITH TRUE AND UNDENIABLE COURAGE!
BUT HER PLAN FAILED AND SHE WAS TAKEN PRISONER...

ZZZ...



...
EVEN THOUGH SHE'S MADE TO WEAR SUCH A HUMILIATING OUTFIT...
...SHE IS UTTERLY CALM!
GYUU
PYOOOING
PSST!
YOU AWAKE?

WHO'S THERE?
SWISH
WAH
YOUR MISTAKE WAS TO SEE JABBA AS AN EQUAL.
YOU WANDERED THROUGH HIS PALACE LIKE A THIEF, BUT YOU FORGOT THAT HE *IS* A GREAT THIEF.
OF COURSE HE CAUGHT YOU.
THAT'S A REASONABLE POINT. SHOW YOURSELF. I LIKE TO SEE WHO I'M TALKING TO.
HYUP


...

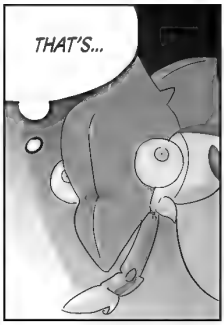
HELLO!

THAT WAS HOW THE ALLIANCE BETWEEN A MOLE-FLEA OF KOWAK AND A PRINCESS OF THE HOUSE OF ORGANA WAS STRUCK.
HEH

LEIA TOLD ME ABOUT MANY THINGS.
ABOUT STARS THAT DEALT DEATH, THE DARKNESS DEEPER THAN SPACE THAT WAS THE EMPIRE...
...THE NASCENT PINPRICKS OF LIGHT OF THE REBEL ALLIANCE AND THE GRAND VISION OF A FREE GALAXY.

OUR WAY ISN'T THE EMPIRE'S WAY. THERE WILL BE A SEAT FOR EVERYONE IN THE SENATE CHAMBER...
...NO MATTER THEIR WEALTH, POWER, OR LANGUAGE.
OR SIZE!
DO YOU THINK IT'S POSSIBLE FOR MOLE-FLEAS LIKE ME TO SPREAD ACROSS THE GALAXY...
...ADVISING GENERALS, SENATORS, MOGULS, AND OPERA SINGERS?
YES, OF COURSE! YOUR SPECIES SEEMS TO BE VERY SMART.
AND WHAT ABOUT ADVISING PRINCESSES?
I'M NOT SURE I WOULD BE THE MOST SUITABLE HOME.
IF YOU WERE LIVING ON ME, MY SCALP WOULD GET AWFULLY ITCHY.
BUT I'M CERTAIN WE CAN FIND YOU ANOTHER WILLING HOST!
ALL RIGHT, I'LL AID YOU IN YOUR ESCAPE.
YES, PLEASE!

LUKE IS COMING.
GIVE HIM YOUR AID. HE'S OUR BEST HOPE.
DOES SHE MEAN HIM?
HE'LL GROW ON YOU. YOU'LL SEE.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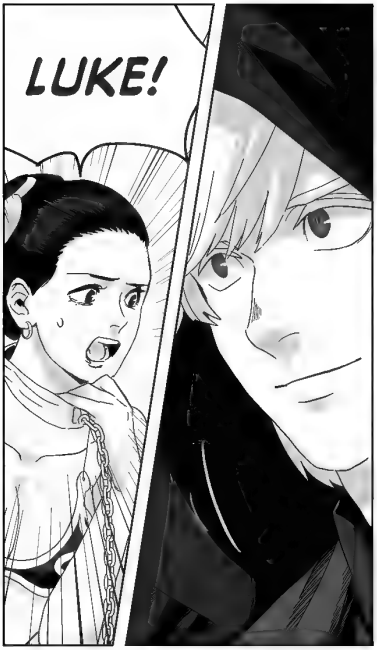

LUKE!

<HE MUST BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK.>
<YOU WEAK MINDED FOOL!>
<HE'S USING AN OLD JEDI MIND TRICK!>
JEDI?
THE JEDI, THE FIGURES OF LEGEND? THEY SAY THEY HAD MAGICAL POWERS, BUT I NEVER BELIEVED IT.
BUT IT WAS POSSIBLE THEY KNEW SOMETHING ABOUT HYPNOSIS.
YOU WILL BRING CAPTAIN SOLO AND THE WOOKIEE TO ME.

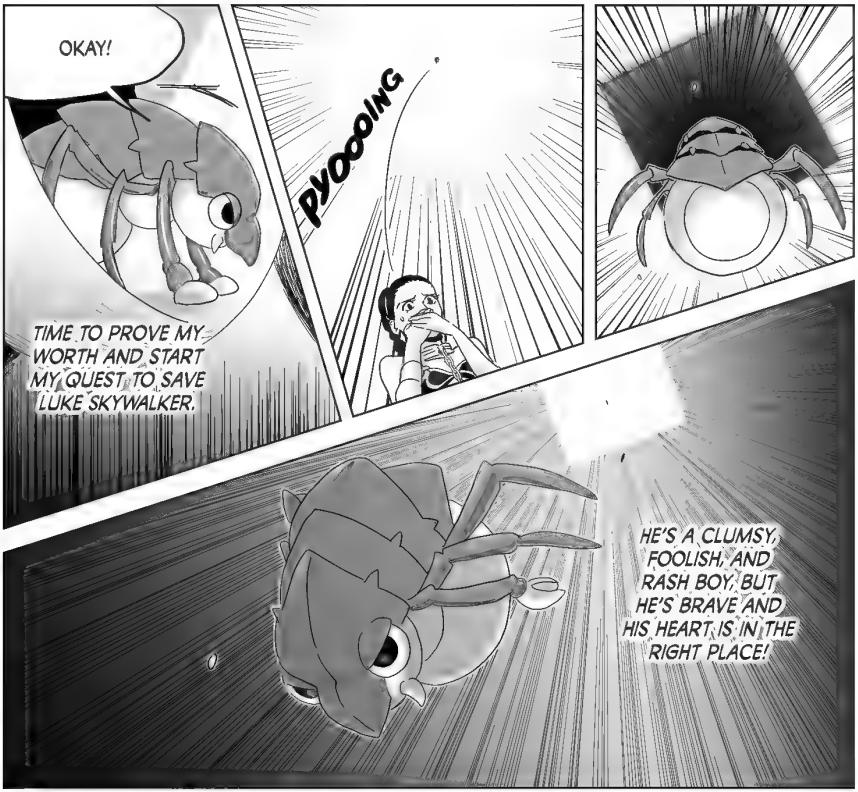
BAMM!
YOU SOUND LIKE A BUZZING MOSQUITO!
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND A THING YOU'RE SAYING!
RIGHT, I HAD FORGOTTEN AGAIN. I HAVE TO SPEAK SLOWLY FOR HUMANS.
HE'S
O-
VER-
CON-
FI-
DENT!
THAT GUY, LUKE, ONLY KNOWS ONE TRICK AND HE THINKS THAT'S ENOUGH!
HE'S MAKING THE SAME MISTAKE YOU MADE!
JABBA MAKES HIS LIVING BY DEVOURING FORGERS, CON MEN, AND LIARS.
HE KNOWS MORE MIND TRICKS THAN ANYONE!
NO...

NEVERTHELESS...
GRIP
...I'M TAKING CAPTAIN SOLO AND HIS FRIENDS.
WOOSH
YOU CAN EITHER PROFIT FROM THIS OR BE DESTROYED.
...!
SEE?

I TOLD YOU, HE'LL GROW ON YOU.
AH, I SEE.
THESE TWO...
...ARE VERY MUCH ALIKE.

EITHER WAY, THIS ISN'T A GOOD SITUATION.
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT'S HAPPENING? JABBA IS REELING HIM IN!
MASTER LUKE!
THREEPIO!
YOU'RE STANDING ON...
ACK!!
BAP
<I SHALL ENJOY WATCHING YOU DIE!>
TUG
NGH!
WOOSH
WHAT?!

THE BLASTER FLEW OUT OF ITS HOLSTER? IS THIS... THE FORCE?!
NO, NO, NO! I'M A CONSUMMATE RATIONALIST. THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS "THE FORCE."
I BELIEVE ONLY WHAT CAN BE SEEN AND TOUCHED!
CLICK
WHAT?
AAAGH


OKAY!
TIME TO PROVE MY WORTH AND START MY QUEST TO SAVE LUKE SKYWALKER.
PVOOOING
HE'S A CLUMSY, FOOLISH, AND RASH BOY, BUT HE'S BRAVE AND HIS HEART IS IN THE RIGHT PLACE!

VWISH

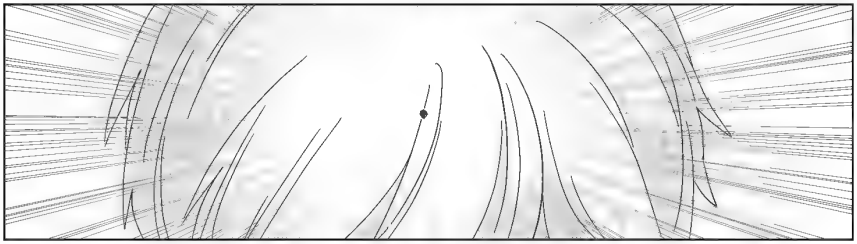
WHERE AM I?

A CAGE?

I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT...
...THIS!
GLARE

GRR...
THIS IS BAD!
DON'T WORRY.

YOU'VE GOT THIS.



YOU'VE GOT THIS!

OH?
CLENCH
OH?

AREN'T YOU GOING TO ASK WHO I AM?
NO! I KNOW YOU!

YOU'RE THE SPIRIT OF A JEDI!!

WRONG!!

YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME TO USE THE FORCE.

OH, DEAR ME.

HE'S CONFUSING ME FOR SUCH A THING?

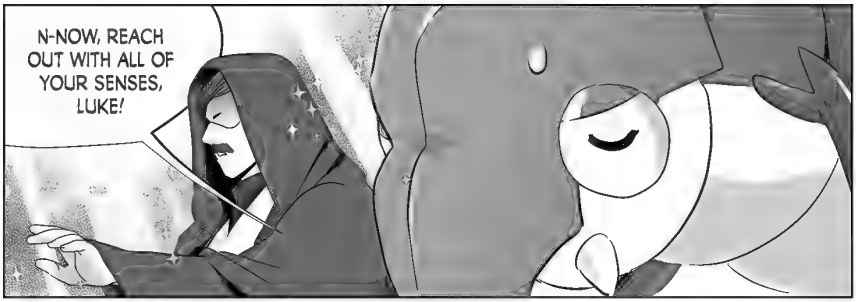
I'M SO READY! TELL ME WHAT TO DO!

RAAWR

URGH, THERE'S NO TIME TO CURE HIS DELUSIONS.

I HAVE NO CHOICE. I MUST PRETEND I'M A GHOST JEDI...

...AND GUIDE HIM!


N-NOW, REACH OUT WITH ALL OF YOUR SENSES, LUKE!

FEEL HOW THE FORCE GUIDES YOU THROUGH YOUR... ER...SCALP!
POKE

WAIT!
I CAN FEEL IT.

I CAN FEEL THE FORCE TICKLING ME IN THE BACK OF MY HEAD!
POKE
POKE

THIS WASN'T QUITE HOW IT WORKED THE LAST TIME. BEN NEVER MADE MY SCALP ITCH...
TWITCH

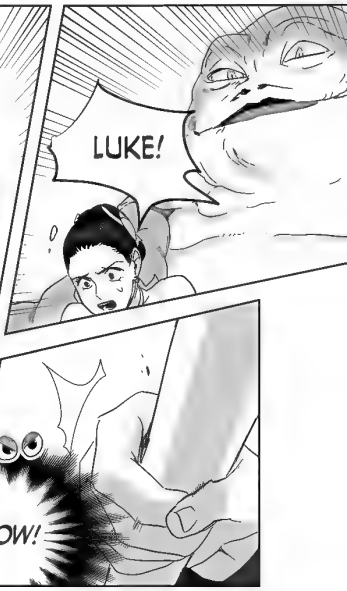
OW!
POKE

POKE
POKE

LET HIM GRAB YOU AND MOVE YOU CLOSER TO HIS MOUTH. THEN STICK THE BONE IN HIS JAWS.

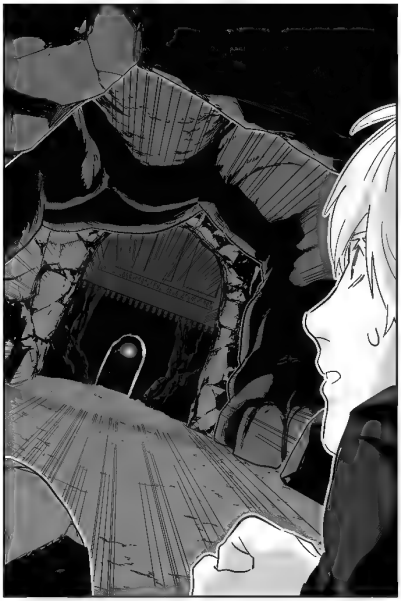
OH, LIKE STICKING A PROTON TORPEDO DOWN THE EXHAUST PORT OF THE DEATH STAR! I UNDERSTAND!
WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT?
UH, SURE. WHATEVER.

!
GRAB


LUKE!
NOW!

RAWR
UGH!
YES!
GLUNK
GET UP! RUN!
TMP
ZSHHHHHH

GRAK
SUCH JAW STRENGTH!
LOOK TO THE RIGHT, LUKE!
POKE
URGH!
CRAK
GAK



THERE'S A DOOR BACK THERE!

GO!
GO STRAIGHT! RUN TOWARD THAT DOOR!
TO THE RIGHT!
GO, GO, GO!
NOW LEFT!
TAP TAP TAP TAP TA
GOOD! WE'RE ALMOST THERE!

<HEY, WHERE DID THE JEDI GO?>
<I CAN'T SEE HIM!>
<HURRY! HURRY!>
IT'S OPEN!
GAH! I CAN'T GET OUT!
ALTHOUGH THIS IS NOTHING TO ME...
<YOU! GET BACK IN THERE!>
WHOA!
THE RANCOR'S COMING BACK FROM BEHIND!

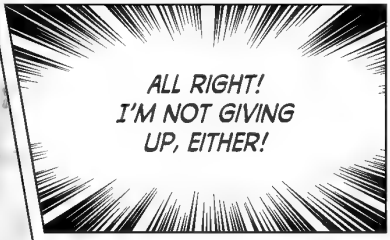
PHEW

ALL RIGHT.

IT JUST LOOKS HOPELESS, BUT I BET NOW IS THE TIME YOU SHOW ME WHAT TO DO TO TAKE THAT THING DOWN!
I BELIEVE IN YOU! USE THE FORCE!

...!
LUKE...

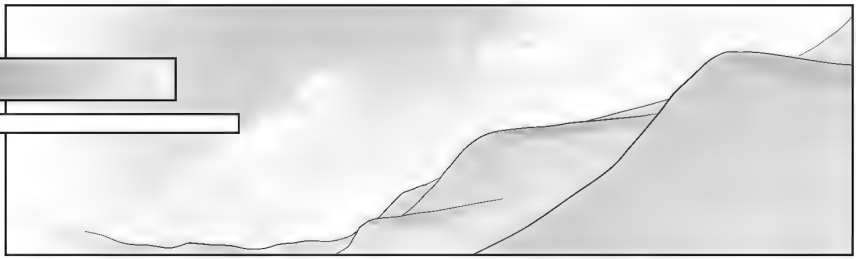
...EVEN NOW, HE WASN'T GIVING UP HOPE.
HE (MIGHT NOT BE VERY SMART, BUT) WAS DETERMINED AND TRUSTING.


ALL RIGHT! I'M NOT GIVING UP, EITHER!

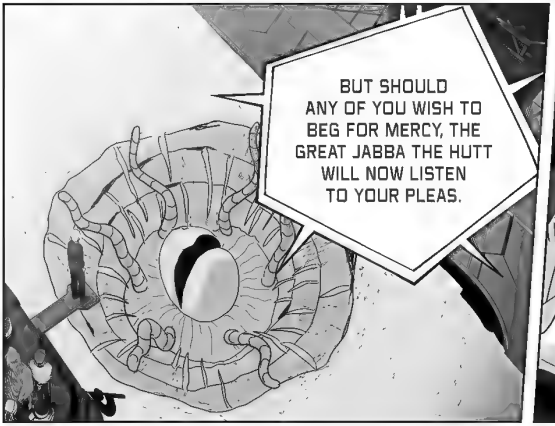
IT'S TOUGH BEING SMALL. THE UNIVERSE IS NOT FAIR.
MOLE-FLEAS HAVE GREAT MINDS AND REFLEXES...
...BUT, BECAUSE OF OUR SIZE, WE WERE PREY FOR MANTIS-CROWS.
MANTIS-CROWS WERE PREY FOR MONKEY-LIZARDS, THE MONKEY-LIZARDS TO GAMORREANS, AND GAMORREANS WERE HELPLESS AGAINST RANCORS.
WAIT A MINUTE...
WE JUST NEED AN EVEN BIGGER MOUTH!
NOW!!
THUNK
OW!
PICK IT UP! PICK IT UP!
!

NOW, THROW IT!!
WOOSH
G-G-G-G-G
WE DID IT!
KA
BOOM

HE DEFEATED THE RANCOR?!
...
PHEW...
I KNEW IT! I NEVER DOUBTED.
HE HAS AN ENDLESS SUPPLY OF HOPE.
HEH
HE REALLY WAS GROWING ON ME.



VICTIMS OF THE ALMIGHTY SARLACC! HIS EXCELLENCY HOPES THAT YOU WILL DIE HONORABLY.


BUT SHOULD ANY OF YOU WISH TO BEG FOR MERCY, THE GREAT JABBA THE HUTT WILL NOW LISTEN TO YOUR PLEAS.

UGH.

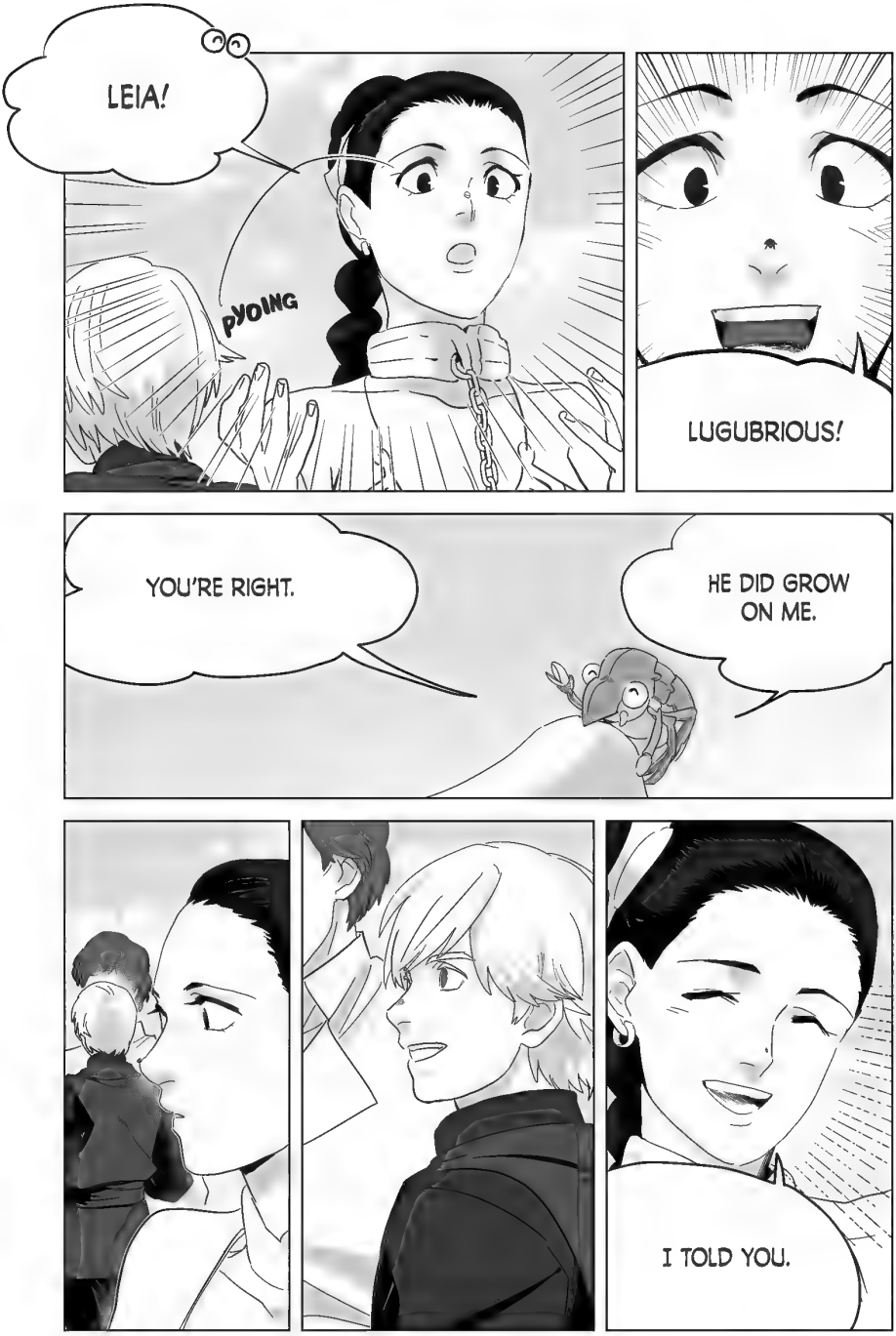
HE'LL GET NO SUCH PLEASURE FROM US!
JABBA! THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE.
FREE US, OR DIE!
<START THE EXECUTION!>
NOD

THE FORCE IS WITH ME!
YEAH! DO WHAT YOUR TINGLING SCALP TELLS YOU!
WHIP
TUP

TOK!
FWOOOO
ATTACK! UP-UP-DOWN-DOWN.
UGH!

URK!
CLANG
GWWRGH
GWRGHA
BAH

BOOM
LUKE! LEIA!


LEIA!
PYOING
LUGUBRIOUS!
YOU'RE RIGHT.
HE DID GROW ON ME.
I TOLD YOU.

AFTERWARD...
...I TOLD LEIA NEVER TO MENTION ME TO LUKE.
THE KID WAS SO JOYOUS ABOUT HAVING USED THE FORCE TO SAVE HIS FRIENDS THAT I DIDN'T HAVE THE HEART TO LET HIM KNOW THE TRUTH.
I DIDN'T MIND NOT GETTING CREDIT FOR THE PART I'D PLAYED.
I HAD GIVEN HIM SMARTS, BUT HE HAD GIVEN ME HOPE. I COUNTED MYSELF AHEAD IN THAT DEAL.
I SAID GOODBYE TO LEIA AND, AFTER TRAVELING THE GALAXY FOR A WHILE, I DECIDED TO JOIN THE CIRCUS. IT'S A NICE LIFE.

SOMETIMES I THINK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO LUKE. ALL THOSE STORIES ABOUT HIM...
I HOPE HE HAS LEARNED TO THINK FOR HIMSELF INSTEAD OF JUST TRUSTING VOICES IN HIS HEAD.
THE END

THIS IS NO CAVE!

– HAN SOLO

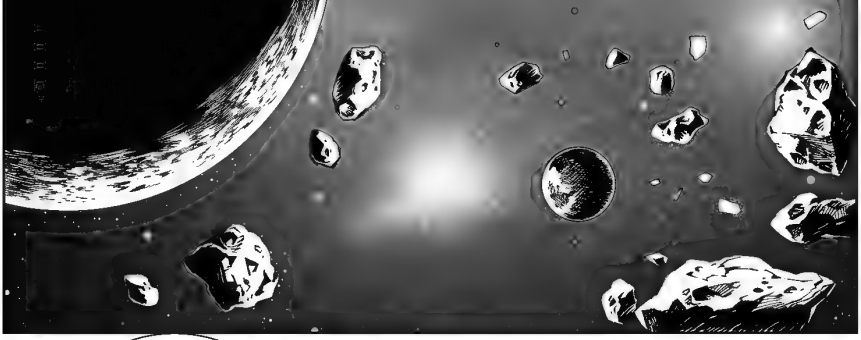
"THE GALAXY IS KNOWABLE, AND THAT'S WHAT MAKES IT WONDROUS."
I CAN STILL PICTURE THE MAN WHO SAID THOSE WORDS LIKE IT WAS YESTERDAY.
A MAN WITH A BRIGHT SMILE.
THE TIME WHEN I AM LEFT BEHIND AND RUSTED WILL COME, BUT I HAVE SEEN, BEYOND THE COUNTLESS STARS, THE BLINDING AND SWIRLING ETERNITY WITHIN A SECOND.
THIS IS MY ACCOUNT OF OUR MYSTERIOUS EXPERIENCE. MY STORY ABOUT LUKE.
BIG INSIDE
AKIRA HIMEKAWA

I WAS JUST A YOUNG BIOLOGY STUDENT.
COMMUNICATION FROM AGOLIBA-ADO.
I HAVE FINISHED INVESTIGATING THE ORGANISMS AND I AM PREPARING TO DEPART FOR AGOLIBA-ENA.
YOU PERFORMED WELL IN THESE PAST THREE WEEKS.
THANK YOU, PROFESSOR.

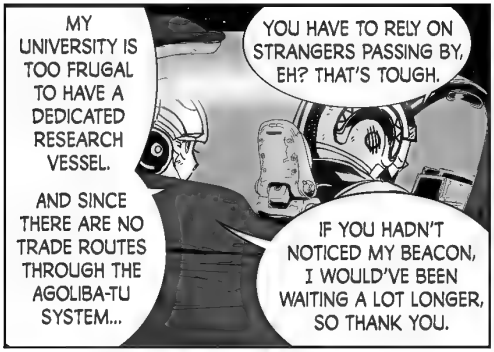
I'LL SEND YOU THE DATA AS SOON AS I GET A BETTER CONNECTION.
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT!
BEEP
AH, I CAN FINALLY TAKE A BREAK.
I CAN'T WAIT TO HEAD HOME AFTER THIS...
SLEEP IN MY OWN BED, EAT SOME REAL FOOD.
ZZZ...
ZZ...
BEEP
...
VWOOSH

A FIGHTER SHIP?

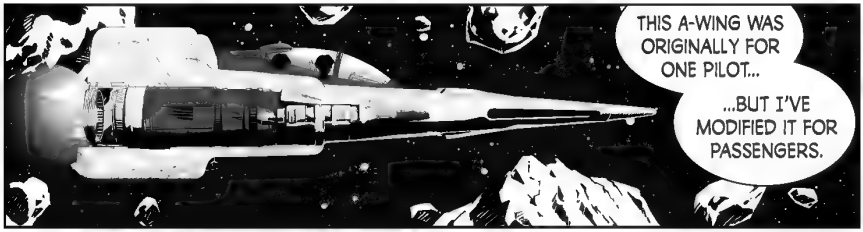
HOP IN.
I'M LUKE.

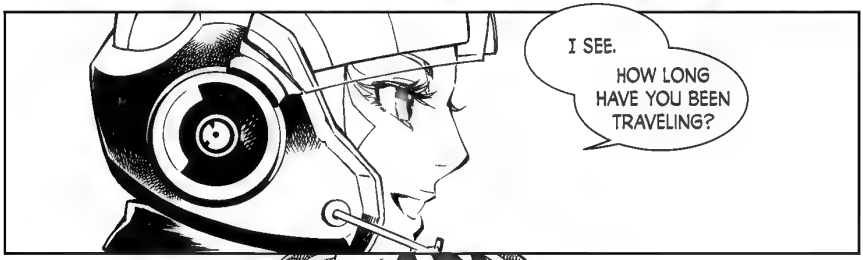


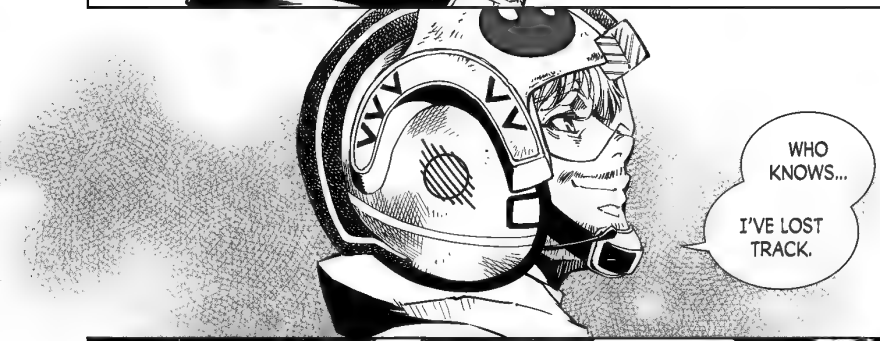
THANK YOU SO MUCH. ANYWHERE NEAR AGOLIBA-ENA IS FINE.
WHAT WERE YOU DOING ON AGOLIBA-ADO?
RESEARCHING ORGANISMS. THERE'S A DEBATE WHETHER LIFE STARTED FIRST ON AGOLIBA-ADO OR AGOLIBA-ENA AND THEN COLONIZED THE OTHER ONE, OR IF THEY EVOLVED INDEPENDENTLY.
YOU'RE A BIOLOGIST?
STILL A STUDENT.
I'M DOING FIELDWORK UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF MY PROFESSOR.
YOU CAME FOR YOUR UNIVERSITY, BUT THEY DON'T ARRANGE TRANS-PORTATION?


MY UNIVERSITY IS TOO FRUGAL TO HAVE A DEDICATED RESEARCH VESSEL.
AND SINCE THERE ARE NO TRADE ROUTES THROUGH THE AGOLIBA-TU SYSTEM...
YOU HAVE TO RELY ON STRANGERS PASSING BY, EH? THAT'S TOUGH.
IF YOU HADN'T NOTICED MY BEACON, I WOULD'VE BEEN WAITING A LOT LONGER, SO THANK YOU.

NO PROBLEM.
I TRAVEL ALONE MOSTLY, SO IT'S NICE TO HAVE COMPANY.


THIS A-WING WAS ORIGINALLY FOR ONE PILOT...
...BUT I'VE MODIFIED IT FOR PASSENGERS.


I SEE.
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN TRAVELING?


WHO KNOWS...
I'VE LOST TRACK.

HOW ABOUT YOU? HOW MANY PLANETS HAVE YOU VISITED?
NOT THAT MANY. MAYBE THREE OR FOUR.
HAVE YOU EVER SEEN EVIDENCE OF ANY ANCIENT JEDI RUINS?

THE JEDI?
ARE YOU AN ARCHAELOGIST OR SOMETHING?
HEH. SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
I'M TRYING TO LEARN AS MUCH AS I CAN ABOUT THE JEDI.
PERSONALLY I THOUGHT A LOT OF THE LEGENDS ABOUT THE JEDI WERE EITHER EXAGGERATIONS OR SIMPLE TALL TALES.
HE SEEMED LIKE AN ECCENTRIC PERSON...
...TRAVELING FOR SO LONG TRYING TO LEARN ABOUT THE JEDI...
HM?
THAT'S INTERESTING!
FWOO...

SUCH ALLURING, MYSTICAL DOTS OF LIGHT.
IT WAS SO ORDERLY, I COULDN'T TAKE MY EYES AWAY.
WHAT ARE THEY?
ARE THEY ALIVE?
WANT A CLOSER LOOK?
OF COURSE! NO BIOLOGIST COULD REFUSE!
THE "FIREFLIES" PLAYFULLY DANCED AS IF THEY WERE TEASING US.
THEN DISAPPEARED INSIDE A LARGE CAVE ON AN ASTEROID.

WE FOLLOWED THEM IN, BUT EVEN NOW, I DON'T KNOW WHY WE DIDN'T HESITATE MORE.
ZSH
WE WERE LIKE CHILDREN CHASING OROWATAN FIREFLIES IN THE BACKYARD.
LIKE EXPLORERS, WE WERE EXCITED BY THE DANGER OF THE UNKNOWN.
TMP TAP TMP

THERE'S SOMETHING ON THE WALL!
WHAT?! WRITING?
D-DID THE WRITING MOVE...
...AND LIGHT UP?
THESE...LOOK ALIVE.
I WISH THREEPIO WERE HERE. HE'D KNOW HOW TO READ THIS.
ALL I CAN MAKE OUT IS '*MIST*.'
COULD BE RELATED TO THE JEDI.
BUT I'M JUST GUESSING.
LUKE, I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.
I THINK WE SHOULD...

AAGH!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.
RUN!!
RUMBLE
MY LEG!
RUMBLE RUMBLE
VWOOSH
GO ON! IT'S CAVING IN!
YOU HAVE TO GET OUT!
ZSH
I'M NOT LEAVING YOU BEHIND.
RUMBLE RU
WE'RE ALMOST THERE!
BLE RUMBLE
ZSH ZSH ZSH
THE ENTRANCE!!

WE'RE TRAPPED!
WE'RE...
...INSIDE AN EXOGORTH.
IT MAKES SENSE NOW.
SLUMP

AH. A GIANT SPACE SLUG.
HAN WOULD HAVE...
NEVER MIND.

YOU'RE THE BIOLOGIST HERE, SO TELL ME...
...ARE WE IN DANGER?
NOT IMMEDIATELY.
NOT MUCH IS KNOWN ABOUT EXOGORTHS.
THEY'RE GIANT CREATURES, LIVE ON ASTEROIDS AND CAN GROW LARGE ENOUGH TO SWALLOW STARSHIPS.

THEY TEND TO LIVE IN PLACES WHERE FOOD IS SCARCE...
...SO THEY HAVE AN EXTREMELY SLOW METABOLISM.
SO WE COULD JUST WAIT HERE UNTIL IT FEEDS AGAIN AND ESCAPE WHEN IT OPENS ITS MOUTH?
ACTUALLY, THEY RARELY MOVE BECAUSE IT USES UP SO MUCH OF THEIR ENERGY.
AFTER THAT EXERTION TO SWALLOW US, IT PROBABLY WON'T MOVE AGAIN FOR YEARS.
YEARS?
MAYBE DECADES.
PROBABLY TAKES THAT LONG TO FULLY DIGEST US.
THIS IS LIKE BEING IN THE BELLY OF A SARLACC.
WE DON'T HAVE MANY ESCAPE OPTIONS.
THIS THING IS BASICALLY MADE FROM KILOMETERS-THICK LAYERS OF ROCKS.
I DIDN'T BRING ANY ASTEROID MINING EQUIPMENT. DID YOU?
I'VE BEEN IN PLENTY OF HOPELESS SITUATIONS.
LET'S LOOK AROUND. MAYBE THERE'S ANOTHER WAY OUT.
AFTER ALL, WE KNOW SOMEONE HAS BEEN HERE BEFORE.

I THOUGHT ALL HOPE WAS LOST, BUT SEEING HIS CONFIDENCE MADE ME WANT TO TRY.
WHAT A MYSTERIOUS PERSON.
WE RAN INTO SOME WRECKAGE...
...POSSIBLY FROM CENTURIES AGO, OR LONGER.
WRITING CONTINUED TO APPEAR ON THE WALLS. A CHILL WENT DOWN MY SPINE AS I WONDERED ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO LEFT THIS WRECKAGE.
HOW MANY WERE LURED IN BY THOSE FIREFLIES, NEVER TO RETURN?
SOMETIMES A TRANSPARENT MEMBRANE BLOCKED US LIKE A FROZEN WATERFALL.
THEY WERE RUBBERY AND HAD BOUNCE, BUT EASILY CUT WITH A KNIFE.
ONCE WE PASSED THROUGH, THE MEMBRANE RESEALED ITSELF.
THE MEMBRANES ACTED AS AIRLOCKS SO DESPITE AN ODD SMELL, WE WERE ABLE TO BREATHE OXYGEN WITHIN THEM.

SUDDENLY WE ENTERED AN ENORMOUS CAVERN WITH A LAKE.
WOW!
THIS IS AMAZING!
THE GLOWING WALLS GLITTER LIKE JEWELRY.
IT'S SO PRETTY.
A ROMANTIC VIEW.
IS THERE SOMEONE ELSE YOU WISH TO SHARE THIS VIEW WITH?
I AM ONLY FOCUSED ON MY RESEARCH!
YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE.
RIGHT, GOT IT.
THE BLUE GLOW REFLECTED OFF THE SURFACE OF THE LAKE
IT SEEMED LIKE WE WERE FLOATING IN SPACE, SURROUNDED BY STARS.
WHY ARE THE PULSES OF LIGHT IRREGULAR?
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
SPLISH

SCREECH
SPLURRSH
SCREECH
HIDE!
A VARIETY OF MYNOCKS, WHOSE SHRIEKS MERGED INTO A BLOODCURDLING HOWL, SWOOPED DOWN!
KLIK
VWOOOM

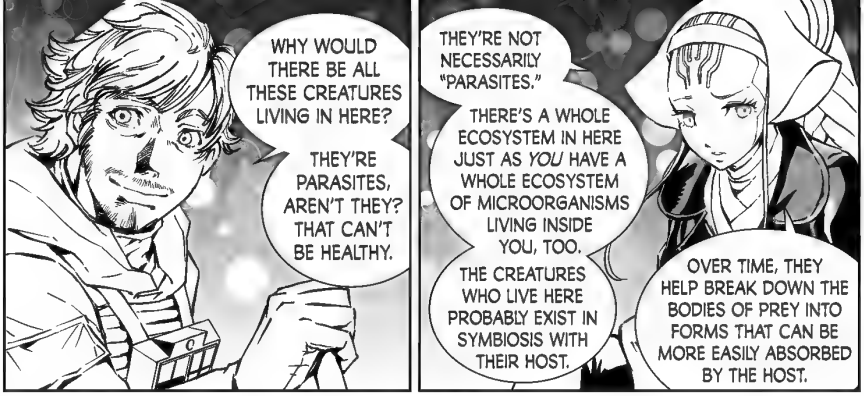
WHAT?
A LIGHTSABER!
LUKE SHOWED NEITHER RAGE NOR FEAR...
BUT PERHAPS... SORROW?
AS IF MOURNING THE DEATHS OF THE MONSTERS ATTACKING US...
...AND RELUCTANTLY DOING WHAT WAS NECESSARY.

WE SOON REALIZED THE LAKE WAS MADE OF ACID.
PLOP
SIZZLE
WHAT WE THOUGHT WAS A BEAUTIFUL LAKE WAS THE STOMACH OF THE SLUG.
WE CRAFTED A RAFT FROM THE SKULL AND WINGS OF A DEAD MYNOCK, THE ONLY CREATURES THAT SEEMED TO WITHSTAND THE ACID LAKE.
WHO KNEW THERE WOULD BE...
...A WHOLE OTHER WORLD IN HERE?
THE STRESS, EXCITEMENT, AND DESPAIR BECAME TOO EXHAUSTING.
SPLISH

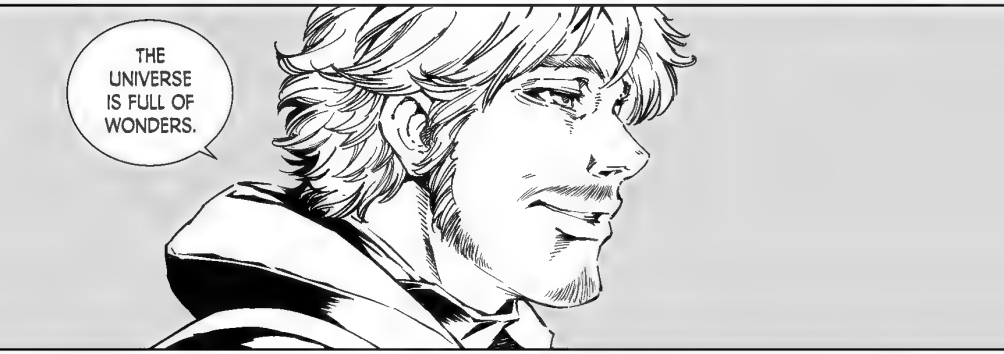
I'M HUNGRY.
I'M GETTING USED TO THE SMELLS, SO I WONDER IF WE CAN TELL IF SOMETHING IS EDIBLE BY OUR NOSES.
...

WE ARE GOING TO DIE IN HERE!
HOW CAN YOU BE SO CAREFREE?
?
YOU SHOULD STOP THE RAFT HERE, AND I'LL JUST ROLL INTO THE LAKE.

YOU SHOULD PROBABLY REMOVE YOUR SUIT, IT MIGHT NOT BE HEALTHY FOR OUR HOST.
THAT'S NOT THE POINT!!

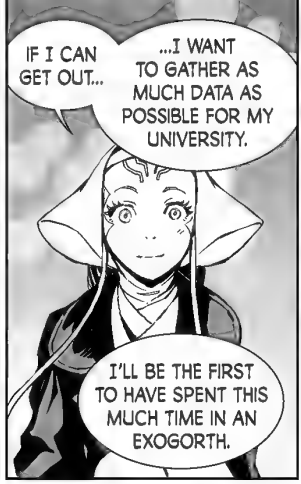

WHY WOULD THERE BE ALL THESE CREATURES LIVING IN HERE?
THEY'RE PARASITES, AREN'T THEY? THAT CAN'T BE HEALTHY.
THEY'RE NOT NECESSARILY "PARASITES."
THERE'S A WHOLE ECOSYSTEM IN HERE JUST AS *YOU* HAVE A WHOLE ECOSYSTEM OF MICROORGANISMS LIVING INSIDE YOU, TOO.
THE CREATURES WHO LIVE HERE PROBABLY EXIST IN SYMBIOSIS WITH THEIR HOST.
OVER TIME, THEY HELP BREAK DOWN THE BODIES OF PREY INTO FORMS THAT CAN BE MORE EASILY ABSORBED BY THE HOST.

SO EACH OF US IS AS COMPLICATED AS THIS SLUG.
WE ARE ENTIRE SYSTEMS LIVING IN BALANCE.
SPLISH
THERE IS A UNIVERSE INSIDE HERE TOO.

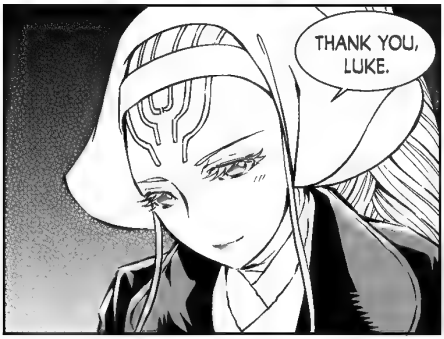

THE UNIVERSE IS FULL OF WONDERS.

DO YOU NEVER FEEL SPIRITLESS, TIRED OR IN DESPAIR?
I'M JEALOUS.
WE'RE GOING TO GET OUT OF HERE.
JUST LEARN AS MUCH AS YOU CAN WHILE YOU'RE INSIDE.
FOR EXAMPLE...
...THOSE GLOWING LETTERS.

HOW ABOUT YOU?
...


IF I CAN GET OUT...
...I WANT TO GATHER AS MUCH DATA AS POSSIBLE FOR MY UNIVERSITY.
I'LL BE THE FIRST TO HAVE SPENT THIS MUCH TIME IN AN EXOGORTH.

YOU'LL BE A HIGHLY SOUGHT-AFTER SCHOLAR WHO WILL LEAD MANY EXPEDITIONS!
HA HA HA
HA HA
OF COURSE!


THANK YOU, LUKE.

WOOSH
SPLAARRSHH
EEK!
WHOA!

A BURNING SENSATION COVERS EVERY INCH OF MY FACE.
MY THROAT IS BURNING!
SEVERE PAIN.
SWISH
I'M NOT GOING TO MAKE IT OUT AFTER ALL.
THIS IS WHERE I'M GOING TO...
...DIE.
AM I...STILL ALIVE?
YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT.
WE'RE PAST THE STOMACH NOW.
IT'S LUKE.
WA...
...TER...

DRIP
DROP
DRIP
EAT THESE, TOO. THERE WERE FUNGI GROWING IN THE GUT OF THE SPACE SLUG.
I ATE SMALL PIECES OF EACH TO TEST WHICH WERE SAFE.
WHERE DID YOU GET THE WATER?
I WAS ONCE A MOISTURE FARMER. I CAN GET WATER OUT OF ANYTHING.
ARE YOU OKAY?
MY BEARD MELTED OFF, BUT THAT'S ABOUT IT.
OH, AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO DIE.
I *DON'T* HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.
SEEING LUKE'S SMILE, HEARING HIS VOICE...
...GAVE ME MORE ENERGY THAN ANY FOOD OR WATER.

LUKE AND I MAPPED OUT EVERY SQUARE METER WE COULD REACH.
THE EXOGORTH WAS A MAZE OF TUNNELS AND INTERCONNECTING CHAMBERS.
THE GLOWING SIGNS APPEARED SEVERAL MORE TIMES.
SOMETIMES THEY CONSISTED OF WRITING THAT LUKE WOULD STUDY, OTHER TIMES THEY WERE ABSTRACT PAINTINGS.
COULD THIS BE THE GALAXY?
WHOEVER THEY WERE, THEY WERE FANTASTIC ARTISTS.
WHO WOULD BELIEVE THAT SUCH ART WOULD BE HIDING INSIDE AN EXOGORTH?
NOBODY BELIEVED ME WHEN I SET OUT TO RECOVER THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE JEDI, EITHER.
I TOOK COPIOUS NOTES AND DREW SKETCHES.

AREN'T THE JEDI MOSTLY A MYTH?
MAGIC ISN'T THE SAME AS SCIENCE.
REAL MAGIC IS ALWAYS KNOWLEDGE.
THE GALAXY IS KNOWABLE.
THAT'S WHAT MAKES IT WONDROUS.
THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE GALAXY...
TIME AFTER TIME, WE FELL INTO TRAPS OR ENCOUNTERED MONSTERS.
CLICK
LUKE ALWAYS MANAGED TO GET US OUT OF THOSE SCRAPES...
...WHICH MUST HAVE GIVEN THE EXOGORTH SUCH A STOMACHACHE.
WE DISCUSSED MY THEORIES, SPECULATED ABOUT THE MINI-ECOSYSTEMS WE ENCOUNTERED.
I THINK THIS LUMINOUS WRITING MAY BE RELATED TO THE JEDI.
GATHERING KNOWLEDGE IN THE FACE OF CERTAIN DOOM KEPT US SANE AND MOTIVATED...
...STEP AFTER STEP, FIGHT AFTER FIGHT.
THEN ONE DAY...

...WE TOOK A NEW TURN AND EMERGED IN A CHAMBER WE HAD NOT BEEN TO BEFORE.

NO SIGN OF EROSION. IT'S AS IF THEY WERE CARVED YESTERDAY.
I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE HOW THIS IS POSSIBLE.
LUKE, LOOK AT THE WRITING!
I THINK... THIS WAS BUILT BY *THEM*.

SO BEAUTIFUL...
THEY PROBABLY MADE THESE BEFORE THEY DIED.
THEIR LAST DEFIANT GESTURE TO PROCLAIM THAT THEY WERE HERE.
NOT A BAD LAST MESSAGE.
THE WEARINESS FROM DAYS OF HIKING, ALWAYS HAVING TO STAY VIGILANT, LIFTED.
THIS WAS A SPIRITUAL PLACE...
...A REFUGE.

HEY!
WAKE UP!
COME ON, WAKE UP!!
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
THEY'RE...
...LOOKING AT US?!
DON'T, LUKE!
IT COULD BE ANOTHER TRAP!
ZSH

LUKE!!
BZZT
BZZT
BZZT

THUD
LUKE!!
ARE YOU OKAY?
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUH?!
I HEARD THEM.
I CAN HEAR THEM.
IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME...
ONCE, THE GALAXY WAS A DIFFERENT PLACE. THE STARS WERE YOUNGER AND SOME OF THE SPINNING GLOBES AROUND THEM WERE UNFORMED.
BUT, THE WANDERLUST WAS JUST AS STRONG AND THE SENSE OF WONDER AS INSATIABLE.

THE THREE OF US, SHAREEN, AWGLK, AND WKK'E, WERE MASTER WEAVERS OF THE LUMINOUS MIST. OUR ART WAS TO KNOT AND ENTWINE THE STRINGS OF MIST THAT CRADLED ALL THE SENTIENT SPECIES AND CONNECTED THE FAR-FLUNG WORLDS TO ONE ANOTHER TO CREATE GLOWING PORTRAITS OF THE MIST.
THE MIST CONNECTS ALL OF US AND GROWS FROM ALL OF US; IT UPLIFTS THE DOWNTRODDEN WITH LAUGHTER; IT COMFORTS THOSE LEFT BEHIND WHEN THEIR LOVED ONES FUSE INTO THE MIST-BEYOND; IT'S THE BRIGHT ESSENCE THAT PULSES WITHIN EACH CELL OF OUR BEING, FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE SUPERFICIALITY OF OUR ROUGH MATERIAL SHELLS.

WE TRAVELED AROUND THE GALAXY, SEEKING TO ADD NEW WONDERS TO OUR LOOM.
ONE DAY, WE LANDED IN A BELT OF STONES STRUNG OUT IN SPACE. BRIGHT SPARKS FLASHED AMONG THE STONES AND DANCED AWAY.
DESPITE THE SENSE OF FOREBODING, WE FOLLOWED THE SPARKS.
EXCITEMENT. THRILLS. ADVENTURE. I KNOW, A MIST-WEAVER IS NOT SUPPOSED TO CRAVE THESE THINGS.
BUT THE HEART WANTS WHAT THE HEART WANTS.
INTO THE TRAP WE FELL, SEALED INSIDE THE BELLY OF THE BEAST.
WE PREPARED FOR DEATH.

WKK'E WOULD NOT GIVE UP. BETWEEN THEIR STAGES OF LIFE, IT WAS THE NATURE OF HER SPECIES TO ENCLOSE THEMSELVES INSIDE COCOONS AND DREAM THE LONG DREAM.
"WHAT IF WE BUILD COCOONS FOR OURSELVES OUT OF THE LUMINOUS MIST?"
SO WE WOVE OUR MASTERPIECE, THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WEAVING.
THE FORMLESS FORM OF THE LUMINOUS MIST WAS SPUN INTO RESILIENT SILK STRANDS THAT CONTAINED THE HIDDEN DIMENSIONS OF THE UNIVERSE; WE TWISTED THEM INTO YARN THAT WAS STRONG ENOUGH TO BIND TIME...
...WOVEN INTO A SHEATH THAT WOULD SLOW TIME TO A CRAWL.
INSIDE THIS COCOON, THE THREE OF US WAITED.
WE STRETCHED ONE LIFETIME INTO THOUSANDS. WE WAITED AS WE FORGOT WHAT ELSE TO DO...
...CONTENT TO LET TIME DEVOUR US, EVEN AS WE SOUGHT TO STOP ITS PASSAGE.

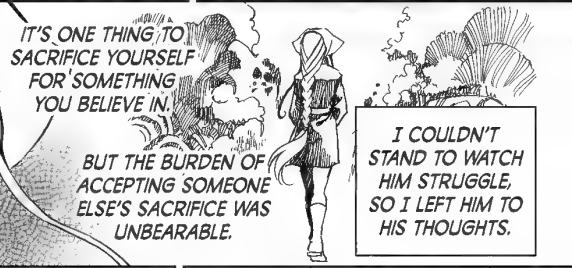
SHAREEN! WAKE UP.
AN UNUSUAL ONE WITH A BRIGHT MIST HEART HAS ARRIVED.
BRIGHT-HEART MEANS TO RESTORE THE BEAUTY OF THE MIST.
WE MUST OFFER HIM OUR HELP.
NONE OF US CAN EVER BE SURE OF THE FUTURE. BUT WE CAN HOPE.
BUT HE'S TRAPPED HERE, JUST AS WE ARE.
I PULLED ASIDE A FEW STRANDS AND LET A BIT OF TIME SLIP IN.
"HOPE IS THE KNOWING HEART OF ETERNITY."
IT HAS BEEN YEARS SINCE MY HEART FELT THIS EXCITEMENT. A MIST HEART MORE BRILLIANT THAN A THOUSAND SUNS.
THE WORDS FROM THE BOOK OF LUMINOUS MIST.

THEY NEED TO BE RELEASED FROM THEIR COCOONS...
...BECAUSE THEY CAN'T UNWIND THEM ON THEIR OWN.
I HAVE TO CUT THE COCOONS OPEN WITH MY LIGHTSABER.
TIME FLOWS SLOWLY FOR THEM. IN ALL THE DAYS WE'VE BEEN TRAPPED IN THE EXOGORTH, THEIR TIME-ALTERED COCOON...
...HAS ENABLED THEM TO FIND A WAY TO SAVE US.
YOU MEAN THERE'S A WAY OUT? THAT'S WONDERFUL!!
THEN LET'S DO IT!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND.
THEY'LL DIE.
WHAT?!

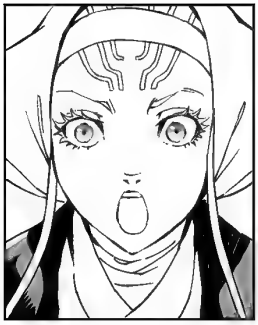
IS THERE NO OTHER WAY?

I'VE SEEN TOO MANY SACRIFICES...
...BEN...
IF ONLY MASTER YODA TAUGHT...
I CAN'T... USELESS.

IT'S ONE THING TO SACRIFICE YOURSELF FOR SOMETHING YOU BELIEVE IN.
BUT THE BURDEN OF ACCEPTING SOMEONE ELSE'S SACRIFICE WAS UNBEARABLE.


I COULDN'T STAND TO WATCH HIM STRUGGLE, SO I LEFT HIM TO HIS THOUGHTS.

WHEN I RETURNED WITH FOOD, LUKE WAS HOLDING HANDS WITH THE STATUE AGAIN.



LUKE!!
THUD

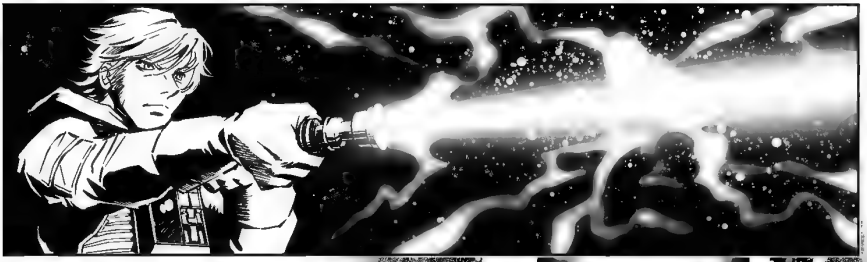
LUKE, DON'T KEEP CARRYING THIS BURDEN!
I DON'T MIND STAYING HERE.
IT'S MORE DIFFICULT TO SEE YOU SUFFER.
PLEASE.
I ONCE WATCHED A DEAR FRIEND, AND MY TEACHER, FACE THE EMBODIMENT OF EVIL IN A DUEL.
HE KNEW THAT HE COULDN'T OVERCOME HIS OPPONENT BY FORCE, AND YET HE NEEDED TO SAVE ME AND OUR FRIENDS.
SO WHEN HE SAW THAT I WAS NEAR THE SHIP THAT WOULD TAKE US TO SAFETY, HE STOPPED FIGHTING...
...AND ALLOWED HIS OPPONENT TO CUT HIM DOWN.

BUT THE ENEMY HAD ONLY CUT DOWN AN EMPTY CLOAK.
HE USED HIMSELF AS A LURE TO DISTRACT THE ENEMY.
AND WE ESCAPED.
I'LL NEVER FORGET THE LOOK MY TEACHER GAVE ME BEFORE HE DIED.
MY TEACHER FREED HIMSELF FROM THIS WORLD AND BECAME PART OF THE FORCE.

IT WAS A LOOK OF PURE PEACE AND CONTENTMENT.
NO FEAR, NO ANGER, NO REGRET, NO SORROW.
HE KNEW IT WAS TIME TO LET GO.
HE TRUSTED THE FORCE.
IT WAS A LESSON I STILL HAVE A HARD TIME ACCEPTING.
DO YOU SEE HER FACE?
IT'S PEACEFUL AND CONTENT.

BEN...

KLIK
VWOOOM



AH...
AAH...

BRIGHT-HEART.
WE THOUGHT WE FOUND A WAY TO ESCAPE DEATH.
BUT WE HAD...
...ONLY BEEN LURED BY THE FEAR OF DEATH INTO IMPRISONING OURSELVES.
I HADN'T REALIZED HOW MUCH I MISSED THE TURBULENT FLOW OF TIME, THE VIOLENT PALPITATIONS OF HOPE.
UNTIL YOU ARRIVED.
BRIGHT-HEART.

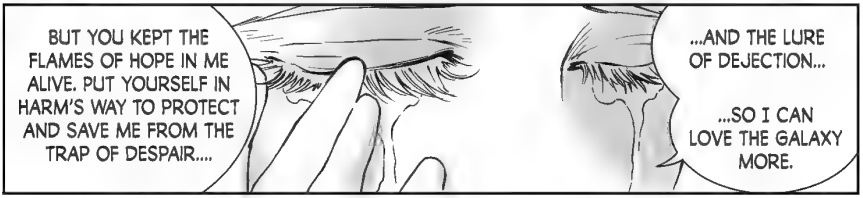
NOW GO.

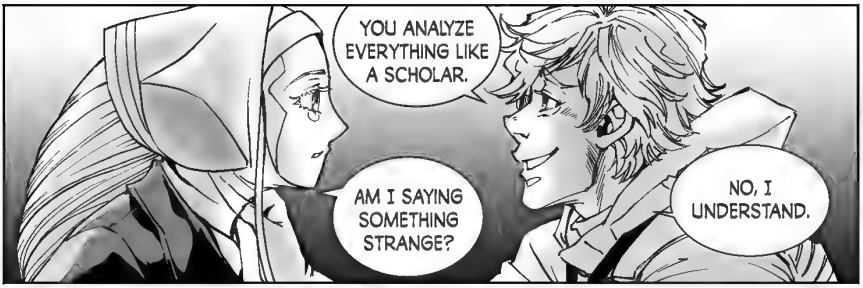
LUKE...
THERE ARE PATTERNS IN THE FORCE, LIKE THE RISE AND FALL OF THE TIDE.
DEEDS FROM THE PAST ECHO IN THE PRESENT.
DEEDS FROM THE PRESENT WILL ECHO IN THE FUTURE.
JUST LIKE YOU WHO FREED YOURSELF FROM FEAR AND DOUBT TO SAVE ME...
...THE MIST-WEAVERS FREED THEMSELVES FROM FEAR AND STASIS TO SAVE US.
AT THAT MOMENT, I HAD FELT HELPLESS, BUT NOW I UNDERSTAND.

ACCEPTING THE SACRIFICE OF THOSE WHO LOVE US...
...AND SHARE OUR IDEALS...
...IS THE FIRST STEP TO BECOMING MORE POWERFUL THAN WE CAN IMAGINE.

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
LUKE...
YOU SAVED ME SO MANY TIMES AND GAVE ME STRENGTH.
I WISH I COULD REPAY YOU SOMEHOW.
WHAT CAN I SAY THAT'S ENOUGH?

I AM NOT WELL VERSED IN THE TENETS OF THE FORCE.
IT'S ALL RIGHT.


BUT YOU KEPT THE FLAMES OF HOPE IN ME ALIVE. PUT YOURSELF IN HARM'S WAY TO PROTECT AND SAVE ME FROM THE TRAP OF DESPAIR....
...AND THE LURE OF DEJECTION...
...SO I CAN LOVE THE GALAXY MORE.


YOU ANALYZE EVERYTHING LIKE A SCHOLAR.
AM I SAYING SOMETHING STRANGE?
NO, I UNDERSTAND.

WELL, THAT WAS QUITE A DETOUR. LET'S GET YOU BACK ON TRACK.

THAT'S RIGHT! THERE IS ALWAYS MORE KNOWLEDGE TO SEEK IN THE GALAXY.

I KNEW IT WOULD BE AN UPHILL BATTLE TO CONVINCE THOSE TO BELIEVE WHAT I HAD EXPERIENCED.

BUT IT DIDN'T MATTER. IT WAS ENOUGH TO HAVE GLIMPSED WHAT NO ONE ELSE HAD SEEN.

IT WAS ENOUGH TO HAVE WITNESSED THE MIST THAT SUFFUSED THE UNIVERSE PARTING FOR ONE SECOND...

...TO REVEAL THE BRIGHT HEART OF WONDER AND HOPE UNDERNEATH.

THE END

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